



# GROUP QUESTIONS FOR **MAY 17**

## **Series: True Worship**

### *Worship and Proclamation*

#### **Icebreakers!**

1. What news would make you reach for the phone to tell someone? What would make you reach for the phone to call the *newspaper*?
2. What good things would make even a very introverted person speak up?

#### **Growing Together**

3. Consider one of the passages below and ask, “How did their worship erupt into words?”  
*Luke 2:15-20 • Luke 19:37-40 • John 4:25-29 • Acts 4:15-20 • 1 John 1:1-4*
4. In the passages below (pick 1), how much do words matter to maintaining right belief?  
*1 Corinthians 15:1-5 • Galatians 1:11-24 • 2 Timothy 2:1-2 • Jude 3*
5. Discuss this phrase: “Preach the gospel; if you must, use words.” In the best light, what does it mean? How does it keep us from worship when we misuse it?
6. What can we lose if we take words out of our worship? Why must the things we do as a church be explained with appropriate, and sometimes quite specific, words?
7. How do others build you up by rehearsing with you what’s true in our shared faith? Who has God placed in your life to build up by rehearsing the truth about God?
8. Which of these categories comes most naturally for you to proclaim God’s good news in worship: song, prayer, reading, preaching, teaching, or telling? What’s hardest to do?
9. **From the message this Sunday: What questions do you have? What encouraged you? What challenged you? Where did you see the Gospel?**

#### **Head, Heart, and Hands**

10. How does God want you to use your words this week to proclaim Him and His glory?
11. Where do you need courage to speak good news about God? How will your joy in worshiping of God increase that courage?
12. When is the next time will you open your mouth to worship God with your words? How often can you worship God, specifically and publicly, with what you speak this week?

## **Luke 2:15-20**

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## **Luke 19:37-40**

As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

## **Acts 4:15-20**

But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to

God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”

## **1 John 1:1-3**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us;

## **1 Corinthians 15:1-5**

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

## **2 Timothy 2:1-2**

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

## **Jude 3**

Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.