

Worship

*What it is, and why it matters
more than anything else.*

A VISION OF WORSHIP

ISAIAH 6:1-8

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Worship is so much more than something we do in church; it's not just music or romance. In "A Vision of Worship," Pastor Dave Gustavsen teaches that worship is our whole-life response to whatever we value the most. In a life-changing vision given to the prophet Isaiah, God shows him that only He is worthy of worship. And when we encounter the glory, the holiness, and the grace of God, we can't help but to worship Him, with our entire lives.

- 1.** Pastor Dave defined worship as "our whole-life response to whatever we value the most." How would you define worship and its impact on your life?
- 2.** We all worship something, and we have a terrible habit of assigning glory to things that aren't worthy of our worship. Give examples of things we assign glory to in this world. What are the implications of worshipping anything other than God?
- 3. Read Isaiah 6:1-4.** What did Isaiah see, hear, and experience? What does it tell us about God?
- 4.** What were the seraphim doing in the vision? Why is this significant? How does Isaiah respond? Compare/contrast this response to your own. Why should God's holiness lead to our confession of sin?
- 5. Read verses 6-8.** Notice the change that has taken place in Isaiah.
 - a. What stands out to you about his response?
 - b. Why the change?
 - c. How is your experience of God like Isaiah's: Awestruck? Guilt-ridden? Cleansed? Willing to go wherever He calls? How might God be calling you to respond differently to His glory, holiness, and grace?
- 6.** Pastor Dave pointed out that the ultimate vision of God's value is not the vision Isaiah saw -- it's the vision all of us can see when we encounter Jesus. How does this compel us to worship and proclaim Christ?
- 7. Read Hebrews 13:15-16.** In what two ways does this passage call us to worship? End your group by allowing 15 minutes for a time of confession and worship. Consider sub-grouping into men and women (or partner up) to make it more intimate. Use Hebrews 13:15-16 to pray for each other.