

Week of October 13, 2019
Discussion Questions – 2 Samuel 6

INTRODUCTION

The idea of worship conjures lots of thoughts. Some immediately think of music. Others, a sermon or message. Some look at worship as something that happens on Sundays. They might say, “That was a great worship service because... [*I could feel God’s presence, lots of people prayed at the altar or, the place was packed*]. What is worship? How do we know when it’s done well?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Is worship something that comes natural for you or is it more of a struggle? Explain.
2. If someone asked you, “I want to worship God but don’t know how?” – how would you respond?
3. Read 2 Samuel 6:1-7. God originally instructed the Israelites to carry the Ark of the Covenant on their shoulders via poles inserted on each side. However, on this day they ignored God’s instructions by placing the Ark on a cart to let oxen carry the weight. God wanted His people to bear the burden of worship themselves. Why do you think God wants you to prepare and invest energy in worshipping Him?
4. You have to invest in the burden of worship to experience the blessing of worship. What realistic changes would you need to implement to live according to this statement?
5. Read 2 Samuel 6:16. Why can worship be so divisive and stir up such negative feelings between people?
6. What’s something simple you could start doing (or stop doing) that would significantly impact your worship experiences?

MOVING FORWARD

Worship doesn’t just happen on Sundays. In fact, what makes a great worship service on Sunday largely depends on how we prepare for worship during the previous six days. Worship isn’t meant to be a spectator sport where we passively wait for the musicians, the speakers and greeters to give us a “great worship service.” Life transforming worship stems from pouring our head, heart and soul in praising the One who calms the seas and raises the dead.