

Worship: Actively Embrace Jesus

Survey Discussion Questions

Thursday, August 24, 7 pm



For our discussion:

1. Are people excited about gathering together to worship this weekend?

Yes! Several comments like..."I wouldn't drive a half an hour to get here if I wasn't."

2. + 3. When has the level of anticipation been the highest in our church? What contributed to that level of anticipation?

When we have gotten our new pastors in the past. Usually these were times of focused training, excitement and high energy.

This transition time has gone from a time of high emotion to high anticipation as we prepare for our next pastor

When the new structure for life groups was implemented, there was over 95% involvement

Sunday night service was a part of the schedule, there was also a pastor with young children and as a result we had a large children's ministry, lots of energy, anticipation, personal growth, lots of love, warmth, members were seemingly in tune with each other, and there was a sense of the Spirit's presence.

4. What does your church offer as a resource for people to pursue spiritual growth on Monday morning?

Encouragement to be a part of missional community, prayer meeting, women's Bible study, 49er's, personal visitation

5. Reflect on what your church challenges and teaches people about worship?

Worship is God centered not me centered

Follow up is important and needs to be re-emphasized

Prayer works – push this more

Worship is an act of sacrifice, both time and money

Requires a preparation and planning balance between planning/preparation and spontaneity that reflects the Spirit's leading.

6. Is worship taught as something that happens only in church? Or does the teaching throughout the church paint a larger, more biblical view of worship?

Can happen anywhere, praying at meals is one example

At this point, it is not taught directly but more by example

7. How does your church encourage people to enjoy God and pursue Him outside of the church worship services?

Life group discussions include how God has spoken to group members during the worship and the message.

Activities that spin out of the life groups themselves, the support that comes during the week, praying together in various ways throughout the week, gleaners,

There was some "How to" training in the past

8. As you evaluate your worship services, is God changing the lives of people? Or are you going through the motions of offering church services?

It seems He is....through

Testimonies of personal journeys, communion, altar praying, how the Spirit is speaking in worship services, comraderie in life groups, fruits of discipleship , talking after service, atmosphere is more relaxed than a few months ago, thing sseem Spirit led

9. Evaluate the number of guests that your church has over a month's period of time that have come with a member/attendee of your church.

Handful, some drop ins

10. What are your people most proud about in your church?

Prayer – that we are actually praying, heritage of sending out missionaries, love for one another, sense of family, ministry to widows, many consider it "home," changed lives, tenacity/ perseverance during difficult times

11. How can this be maximized and celebrated?

Keep on persevering, be ready to forgive, practicing grace

Testimonies that that start with...."because of my church"

Keep Christ at the center