



## Sermon Discussion Guide

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"Why and How Should We Worship?"

[John 4:21-24](#)

**10 Big Questions About the Christian Life** is a sermon series inviting us to wrestle with the most important questions of faith that shape how we live every day. Each week explores a key question that draws us deeper into God's truth and calls us to live out the hope of the resurrection. This series challenges us to move from belief to action, building a faith that transforms both our lives and the world.

### PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on [hopeonline.tv](#). Did you have any ah-ha moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

### GROW

Read [John 4:4-26](#) – "**Jesus and the Samaritan Woman**"

- Why do you think Jesus started by asking the Samaritan woman for a drink?
- What does it mean that Jesus offers "living water" instead of physical water?
- What would it look like for you to worship God "in spirit and in truth" this week?
- What distractions or assumptions could be keeping you from fully engaging in worship? How can you open your heart more fully to Jesus' invitation to drink from the living water he gives?

Read [Revelation 4:1-11](#) – "**Worship in Heaven**"

- Why do you think this vivid image of worship was given to John?
- What do the symbols in this vision—like crowns, thunder, and creatures—teach us about God's power and majesty?
- In what ways do we sometimes turn worship into something about us rather than about God?
- What would it look like to bring more of heaven's worship into your home or group setting?

Read [Romans 12:1-2](#) – "**A Living Sacrifice to God**"

- How do you feel when you hear that your whole life, not just Sunday morning, can be an act of worship?
- How is true worship different from simply going through religious routines? Why does Paul call this your "true and proper worship"?
- Where are you currently conforming to the patterns of this world instead of being transformed by God?
- How can you help others see that worship isn't confined to a church building or a worship set?

Read [Acts 2:42-47](#) – "**The Believers Form a Community**"

- What parts of this picture do you most long for in your own faith life? How might these emotions be pointing you toward a deeper need?
- What does this passage reveal about the early church's view of worship and community? Why do you think they devoted themselves not just to teaching and prayer, but also to sharing meals and possessions? How does this challenge modern assumptions about church life?
- What rhythms of worship, learning, and fellowship do you currently practice and which might be missing?
- How can your small group or church reflect more of this kind of community to the world around you? What would it take to build a culture of generosity, unity, and awe like this in your current setting?

### APPLY

Pick one of the applications below to put into practice this week ...

- **Show up with intention:** Worship isn't something we consume—it's something we give. This week, approach worship with deliberate focus. Whether you're attending in person or online, prepare your heart ahead of time through prayer. Ask God to help you worship in "spirit and truth" (John 4:24), not just going through the motions but offering your full attention, affection, and awe.
- **Worship outside the walls:** Choose one part of your daily routine this week (commute, mealtime, workout, etc.) and turn it into an act of worship. Pray as you do it. Offer it to God. Let worship become a whole-life rhythm, not just a weekend event. Then reflect on how that changed your mindset and connection to God.
- **Build a worshipping community:** Reach out to one or two others from your small group (or someone not in your group yet) and invite them to attend a service with you, join your group, or simply pray together this week.