

REAL Growth, Worship the King, Week 3

Worship in Spirit – God’s Initiative in Worship

These notes are to be used in conjunction with the sermon series during the service or with the recording. They are intended to assist with further individual or group study.

Readings: Psalm 96; Isaiah 6:1-8; John 16:7-15

Worship the King in Truth (Review)

How would you define worship?

What is false worship and why are we so prone to it?

What does it mean to worship in truth? What are the foundations of worship that were covered in week one? What happens to our worship if we stray from these foundations?

What does it mean to live a sacramental life? How do our words, actions, and lives, influence our worship of the Lord? Do our lives reflect the truth of God’s grace to us in the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Worship the King in Spirit

What does it mean to worship in Spirit? What are three ways the Holy Spirit enables and empowers us to worship God? How does the Holy Spirit’s work in our lives flow from our faith in Christ?

God’s Initiative in Worship

What prevents us from knowing the truth of God? How can you see these factors at work in your own life and in the church?

Based on Romans 1:18-25, what is the connection between our rejection of God, our sin, our knowledge of the truth of God, and our inclination towards false worship and idolatry?

What are three ways that God makes himself known to us? Based on Christ’s teaching in John 16, what is the role of the Holy Spirit in God’s revelation of himself to us?

What is the significance in understanding worship as a response to God’s revelation rather than something that we initiate? What are some practical ways that this understanding should shape and change the way we worship as individuals and as a church?

Future Study

Based on 2 Corinthians 3 & 4 what is the role of the Holy Spirit in our calling (vs. 4:3-6), justification (vs. 3:7-17), sanctification (vs. 3:17-18), and glorification (vs. 3:18)? How does this work of the Holy Spirit in us lead to a life of perseverance and mission (ch.4)?

