

Worship the Fuel of Discipleship

Worship and Witness – John 4:27-42

Week of March 31, 2019 – Bay Park LifeGroups (Participant's Guide)

Begin your evening in prayer together. Spend some time not only asking the Spirit to lead, but also reflecting on who God is.

1. As a group take 5 minutes and list as many attributes/character traits of God as you can think of? Which ones are you most thankful for or amazed by? How has doing this together impacted you?

2. Read the following two quotes and discuss:

“People come into our churches proclaiming all sorts of things with their words and actions. Through close-fisted giving, some are asserting how much their own personal wealth matters. Others, by their complaining, are declaring that personal comfort matters. Teens in the latest fashions may be proclaiming that being cool matters. Others confirm through their smiles or frowns that their musical preferences matter. But we want each of them to leave proclaiming this: The gospel of Jesus Christ matters.” -Bob Kauflin

“Worship leaders should make great evangelists. After all, it’s our passion to help people clearly see why God deserves worship, and we want as many people as possible to share in the joy of knowing him. We praise the God who desires all people to come to the knowledge of the truth and who doesn’t wish that any should perish.” - Bob Kauflin

3. Pull out your bibles and read John 4:1-30. Remind each other of the cultural context of the day.

4. Google the definition of a testimony.

a. What is a testimony of faith? What are the key elements? (vv. 23-26)

b. What was the woman’s testimony (vv 28-30)? Who was honoured? How long does it have to be? What are the key points necessary for a “successful” testimony? What was the impact?

c. To discuss or do personally: Write down the gospel. Write down your story. How would you share your story in less than 2 minutes? Remember, this is not a sales pitch. Why is it important a testimony doesn’t end with a salvation story, but an ongoing transformation story? Over the last couple months, what gospel stories have encouraged you?

5. Read John 4:31-42. Clearly it wasn’t just the woman who was confronted with new revelation that day. Jesus used the events of the day to likewise engage the disciples in a teachable moment. Looking over the verses, what lessons did Jesus want his disciples to learn that day? How do those lessons apply to us as disciples today?

6. Reread John 4:42. Last Sunday was Next Generation Sunday. A chance to highlight our youth and young adults. Spend some time praying through this verse. For each of you in your life group, for your children, or the children at Bay Park, and for our youth and young adults. Pray that they would no longer believe because of their parents, or because of what they have heard- but because they see and understand that Jesus is their Saviour. Feel free to expand that prayer for you, the people in your life group, and the neighbours that God is laying on your heart.