



The Fellowship

“We are called to worship wherever we go, but it should be a regular practice to gather for corporate worship in the synagogue (or church) and in homes as the early church did. Why is it important to gather as the church and worship God together? Why has this been a priority for the church since the beginning? What happens when we come together and worship the Lord? We’ll address these questions and more this week as we look at how we are to worship wherever we go.”

INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY:

Other than on Sunday mornings during our church gathering, how do you worship throughout the week?

MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 2:42-47

“42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 2:46

“And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,”

Isaiah 12:5

"Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth."

Luke 4:8

"And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'"

Psalms 95:6

"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

Psalms 29:2

"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Often worship is seen as singing unto the Lord. Are there other ways people are called to worship? What draws you to worship? What are worship practices you participate in regularly?
2. What is the purpose of worship? What should we make sure we include when we worship?
3. How can we enjoy the things of this world without it turning into worship in our hearts?
4. Worship has this aspect of enjoyment with it, not merely obligation. Our tendency is to view the object of our faith with concepts such as devotion or commitment. How does enjoying God work and what would it really look like if we were to seek to live this way?

CLOSING PRAYER ACTIVITY:

Invite someone to close the group in prayer.