

READING

Monday | Psalm 96
Tuesday | 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
Wednesday | Psalm 68:1-5
Thursday | Zephaniah 3:17
Friday | Exodus 15:1-20

WELCOME

Over the summer we are concluding the yearlong 'Big Story' sermon series by studying the "Big Story Soundtrack". Worship is the soundtrack throughout the scriptures, our most basic and essential response to God. So over the summer we will be studying various aspects of worship throughout the scriptures so that we can be encouraged to worship God in all circumstances. This week either in individual study or in your connect group, answer the question: when is it most difficult and most easy to worship?

WORSHIP AND WORD

This summer in groups and individually we invite you to worship and study the word using a form of scripture meditation called the *Lectio Divina* (Divine Reading). As a group or individually read the scripture three times meditatively with a few minutes of silence in between. Then journal or talk about what God has impressed upon you through the reading.

Preparation

Before reading spend a few moments in silence inviting God's Spirit to guide you as you meditate on the Word.

First Reading

Read **Psalm 96: 1-6** slowly and out loud if you can, lingering over the words and so that they resonate in your heart. Listen especially for any words or phrases that catch your attention or 'pop out' to you. After you have read spend a few moments thinking of the words and phrases that especially caught your attention and what God might be saying to you.

Second Reading

Read the scripture again, savoring the words, and again listening for those phrases and words that especially resonate to you. Listen for any invitation God might be giving to you through those words. After you are done reading, spend a few moments pondering the word, like Mary, and gently exploring the ramifications of God's invitation and what God might be saying to you through the passage.

Third Reading

Read the scripture again and after you are finished spend a few moments in prayer, asking God through His Holy Spirit to help you remember and apply what you have learned. There is no right or wrong way to do this... the important thing is that you respond truthfully and authentically. What feelings has the text aroused in you? Where are you resistant? etc... bring your thoughts to God.

Questions

- What stood out in this reading? What did the Holy Spirit teach you?
- Where is the invitation? Where is the challenge?
- What struck you in the sermon on this passage?
- What is one response that God is leading you to this week?

SUMMER READING

For some great summer reading, check out a book that Chris referenced on Sunday: "*You Are What You Love*" by James K. Smith. A great book that speaks about what we worship fundamentally shapes our hearts.

The BIG Story Playlist

This summer we're hitting "play" on worship as we take our road trip back through the BIG Story of the Bible.

