

Cultivate Discussion Guide

Special Worship Edition – Why We Worship November 9 and 10, 2019

If you missed this weekend's message, view it at cultivate.sc/discussion
For more information on how we're using the enneagram, visit sandalschurch.com/enneagram

Tips for leaders:

- Prepare for your group. Your goal is to choose the questions that will lead your group into REAL conversation about the topics most meaningful to you. It's okay if you don't answer them all!
- To help everyone follow along, ask them to print the Discussion Guide or pull it up on their phone.
- If questions remain unanswered, encourage women to work through them as they cultivate God's word on their own throughout the week.

This weekend we joined our hearts and voices as a church and body of believers to worship Jesus, our King. If you missed our time of worship, visit cultivate.sc/discussion to view both our full worship service live stream and a short message from Pastor Matt Brown.

If you're ready to dig deeper and reflect on "Why We Worship," answer the following questions:

#1: What's your ideal worship experience? Do you enjoy singing with the church or do you prefer to quietly listen or even worship alone?

- **Did anything from Pastor Matt's message change your perspective or encourage you to approach worship differently?**

#2: Worship is not a time to check out, but check in. It's a time to fight one of our greatest enemies – ourselves – by taking our eyes off ourselves and turning them toward Jesus.

- **Are you able to fully engage in the worship experience or do you find it challenging to "check in" because of wandering thoughts or distractions? Why do you think that is?**
- **What are some ways you could more intentionally engage in worship?**

#3: Read Hebrews 12:28 NLT: "Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshipping him with holy fear and awe."

- **Is there anything in your world that feels shaken or unsteady right now?**
- **Can you offer that to Jesus right now, believing that your faith is a pleasing act of worship AND that He is your Rock and a steady foundation?**

#4: Read Romans 12:1 TPT: "Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? I encourage you to surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship."

- **Are you worshipping anything more than you're worshipping God?**
- **What steps can you take to surrender that to God as a genuine expression of worship? That could mean confessing and turning away from it entirely or simply choosing Jesus before you choose that other thing.**

Cultivate Prayer: Respond to God with gratefulness for His faithfulness. Thank Him for His goodness, provision and protection in your life. Worship Him for what He has given, what He has taken away and for the purposeful way He works in your life every single day – even if you don't see it. Ask Him to help you fight anything that is keeping you from genuinely and authentically worshipping Him.