

Stop Looking for an Encore

Small Group Questions (2/9/20)

Getting Started

What is the weirdest worship experience you have had? What was weird about it?

Can you think of a worship song that would be weird if it was not talking about God?
An example: "Where You Go I'll go, Where You Stay I'll stay." (Jeremy Camp song)

Has there been a time in your life where you felt God's presence in a profound way?
Share about that moment.

What was your church environment like growing up? What was the worship like?

Going Deeper

What was one thing that stuck out to you from the message on Sunday?

How were you challenged?

Elani Greenidge said: "Church attendees tend to view worship music as the optional prelude to the 'main event' of the sermon." What do you think?

Lets work through the different parts of the message . . .

Why Worship and Sing at Church?

1.) Worship is communal

What does this mean? How do you understand it?

As we come together as a community we are not only putting ourselves under the spoken Word but we are putting ourselves as servants to the sung Word. We come together and are unified as one church when we sing the Word together. We remind each other and proclaim timeless truths about God. We sing for ourselves but we also sing for each other. As you hear my words and I hear your's we are reminding each other of God's love.

2.) We praise God for what He's done but we worship Him for who He is...

What is going on here? How do you understand this?

"We unify. We come together under the word of God but then remind each other of these timeless truths of God....so we are singing to God and then singing to each other and its this almost beautiful spiritual dance and flow that is happening amongst us as a divine community...."

If you are a hand raiser, why do you do it? What does it mean to you?

If you have never really experimented in that way, why not? No wrong answers. Just getting to know each other.

What are two things God did in your life last year?

What if on a Sunday you started to think about those things and direct your thanks and praise towards God?

Sometimes being stretched in our faith and growing takes us going against our default. How could this be true?

On Sunday Chad talked about being on time to worship in order to let the dust settle. Typically we are all coming from a little craziness. Whether it's getting the kids dressed and on time or getting our husbands dressed and on time... Often, we are coming from a little busy and a little crazy. Sometimes we need a moment where we can let the dust settle.

Chad shared this story about his wife Megan and him:

"We need to let the dust settle. We put the kids to sleep at night. We have just cooked them dinner, bathed them and cuddled them. There have been tears, laughs and a whole lot of noise. Sometimes we need to let the dust settle. We wish we were better at it, but I remember one night I really felt this... It was a crazy night like I talked about above. After settling the kids, we went out back, sat at our fire pit, sipped on Pastor appropriate beverages and let the dust settle. We had the small talk of how was your day but as the dust continued to settle around our lives our conversation got deeper and much more intimate. It took a little time but once our lives slowed down we were really able to connect."

How could being on time to worship help you “let the dust settle.”

Application

Out of these things, which one do you want to try during your worship time at church?

- Body posture
- Sit down and pray
- Pray with a friend
- Take worship more serious
- Be on time to let the dust settle
- Read the Bible during worship

