



He Is Worthy Part 1

Week 1

1. Catch Up On Life:

This is when we update each other on the things that Jesus has been up to in our lives since we last saw each other. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

- Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?
- What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2. Review the Mission:

Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

People:

- Reactive - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
- Proactive - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, STC partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Columbia)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve, and build relationships with this group?

Plan:

- Are there any rhythms already planned, or an extra rhythm we could plan to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?

Pray: Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

3. Sermon Discussion:

God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a LifeGroup throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25)

Primary Passage: Psalm 96

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Read **Psalm 96** out loud. Now spend some time silently reflecting and journaling the following questions as a LifeGroup What stands out from the passage? What does this passage reveal to us about God? What does this passage reveal to us about people? Share with one another what you thought, reflected, wrote about.

- What stood out overall from the sermon?
- In the sermon we said that singing is reorienting our focus and attention back on God. What are all the things that distracted you from God this week? Why is that?

Reread **Psalm 96:1-4**

Now let's sing "Before the Throne" together to reorient our focus and attention back on God.

- In the sermon we said that singing is rebellion against individualism and against what the world tells us to love.
- Spend some time encouraging one another as a group, citing where you've seen God at work in each other's lives.

Reread **Psalm 96:1-4** again

Now let's sing "O Come to the Altar" together to rebel against individualism. This song reminds us that the good life is found not in ourselves but in Jesus and giving our lives away in response.

- What are things you're tempted to love more than God? Why is that?

Reread **Psalm 96:4-9**

Now let's sing "I Will Exalt You" together to rebel against what the world tells us to love. This song reminds us that God is the only one worthy of our adoration.

Pray for the Worthy series. That the Spirit will use this to help us grow our view of Him. Let's also pray that the Spirit will use this to grow our desire to worship and sing to Him.

BEFORE THE THRONE (MODERN POST VERSION)

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great high Priest whose Name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart (repeat)

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (repeat)

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me (repeat)

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O COME TO THE ALTAR

Are you hurting and broken within? Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?

Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself Do you thirst for a drink from the well?

Jesus is calling

O come to the altar the Father's arms are open wide

Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes, come today there's no reason to wait

Jesus is calling

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy from the ashes a new life is born

Jesus is calling

O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide

Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ

Oh what a savior

Isn't He wonderful?

Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

Bow down before Him

For He is Lord of all

Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen (repeat)

O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide

Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ (repeat)

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown, tell the world of the treasure you found

I WILL EXALT YOU

I will exalt You, I will exalt You

I will exalt You, You are my God

I will exalt You, I will exalt You

I will exalt You, You are my God

My hiding place, my safe refuge

My treasure Lord You are

My friend and king, anointed one

Most holy

Because You're with me, because You're with me

Because You're with me, I will not fear

Because You are with me, because You're with me

Because You're with me, I will not fear

Oh, you are my hiding place, my safe refuge

My treasure Lord You are

My friend and king, anointed one

Most holy

My hiding place, my safe refuge

My treasure Lord You are

My friend and king, anointed one

Most holy

My hiding place, my safe refuge

My treasure Lord You are

My friend and king, anointed one

Most holy

I will exalt You, I will exalt You

I will exalt You, You are my God

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