

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

WORSHIP — IV

When Wounds Worship
Pastor Mickey Stonier – September 29, 2013



MEMORY VERSE

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’” (Rev. 21:3-4 NIV)

DISCUSSION STARTERS

1. Review Part 1 of Sunday Message series:

1. When your heart is overwhelmed, **LOOK UP!**
Job 1:20-22, Psalm 61, Psalm 42

2. When you are in a time of adversity or affluence, **LOOK BACK!**
Exodus 6:5-8; 2 Samuel 7:24; Ezekiel 11:12, 20; 13:9, 14, 21, 23

3. When you are broken or blessed, **LOOK FORWARD!**
Revelation 21:1-4

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
Romans 8:37-39



COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS — WORSHIP, PART FOUR

In our final week of the study “Worship” Pastor Mickey walked us through the understanding of worship in the midst of inner turmoil and suffering. Sometimes life is hard, very hard, and our worship of God to sustain us through those trials are so very crucial.

The way we respond to God during our trials is a true testimony to our faith in Christ. Anxieties come and go, but our clinging to Christ in the midst will have long lasting effects. The following questions will simply walk us through the sovereign and sustaining power of the gospel and how we should respond to it.

Study Questions:

1. Read Matthew 6:25-34 together as a group. Answer the following questions individually first then share your responses with the group:
 - Does God promise to provide for our **needs** or our **wants** or both? Explain.
 - How do you typically respond if you don't receive what you want (or need) right away?
 - According to Jesus, what does a basic need consist of?
 - Are you content in your life to live off of the essentials of life? Or do you find yourself worrying about what you don't have?
 - In v. 33, Jesus famously states, *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”* What does it mean to “seek first his kingdom”? What are the “these things” Jesus is talking about?
 - How do your answers reflect a proper and biblical view of worship?
2. Read 1 Peter 3:8-22 together as a group then answer the following questions:
 - List all of the different ways Peter tells his readers to respond to suffering. (Hint: there are many things that Peter says in this text, carefully read the entire chapter looking for them)
 - In v. 14, Peter states, *“But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed.”* What does Peter mean by saying we are “blessed” when we suffer? How does that challenge or encourage your view of suffering and blessing?
 - How do your responses reflect a proper and biblical view of worship?

Add'l Notes:

