



PERSONAL STUDY GUIDE

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BIBLICAL EMPHASIS:

Heaven is the home for all of God's children where they can praise His name for eternity.

MAIN POINT:

Worship is an act of centering our attention on who and what God is, not on one's self.

INTRODUCTION

- 1 What are some habits that are so ingrained in you that they have become a lifestyle?
- 2 What are some areas of your life where you could use more discipline?
- 3 What about worship? Do you associate a need for discipline with your worship of God?

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

> Read Revelation 7:9-12.

⁹ After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." ¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

- What is the occupation of this multitude as they stand before the throne?
- What do these people ascribe to God?
- Does your worship of God, individually and corporately, do the same?
- When the multitude cries out, how do the angels, elders, and the four living creatures respond? What does this say about God's kingdom and Christ's sacrifice?

- What do verses 10 and 12 reveal about God? What do these truths mean to you?
- What does John's vision in Revelation 7 teach us about worship? How should the worship of heaven affect the way we live now?
- What are some ways we make worship "me" focused? What are some active ways we can fight back against this tendency?
- Look again at Revelation 7:9. How is God glorified through the salvation of people from all races, ethnicities, socio-economic classes, and all other walks of life?
- Why must the worship of Christ be made available to all types of people without exception?

> Read Luke 4:14-16.

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. ¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read.

- Even though Jesus was the Son of God, He continued to worship the Father regularly. What are some reasons that Jesus worshiped?
- Why might it be that Luke emphasized Jesus' worship in the synagogue at the very beginning of His public ministry?
- Take a few minutes to brainstorm stories in the Gospels that highlight Jesus' lifestyle of worship. What stories or moments come to mind?
- What is your take away from His example?

APPLICATION

- 1 Jesus' public ministry began in the local synagogue where He worshiped regularly. How should your local church be the launching point for the ministry of its members?
- 2 Read Hebrews 10:24-25. What does worship look like in a group like ours?

- 3 Being that the throne was surrounded by people from every language and tongue, how does worship relate to the mission of the church to reach the nations?

THIS WEEK

- Memorize Revelation 7:10.
- Read Revelation 4 on Monday.
- Read Revelation 5 on Tuesday.
- Read Matthew 4:1-11 on Wednesday.
- Read Luke 5:16 on Thursday.
- Read Matthew 26:36-56 on Friday.
- Read John 13:1-17 on Saturday.