

## REVIEW

- The disciples of Jesus are worshippers—called out and called for.
- When we understand who God is, it leads to worship. He is holy and merciful.

**1 Peter 2:9** (NIV) But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, **declaring the praises** of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

**Romans 12:1** (NIV) Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, **in view of God's mercy**, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

## THIS WEEK: PERSONAL WORSHIP—WE NEED ONE!

- Worship is a cooperate activity but also a personal one.
- God wants us to worship because **we need to**—creature versus creator.

**Romans 1:21** (NIV) For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

**Romans 1:25** (NIV) They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

## WORSHIP IS WHERE GOD CONNECTS WITH US SO WE EXPERIENCE HIS STRENGTH.

**Psalms 22:3** (WEB) But you are Holy, you who inhabit the praises of Israel.

**John 15:4-5** (NIV) <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup>"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

## LET'S GET PRACTICAL:

- Setting a time
- Choosing a place: quiet, maybe quiet music, few distractions
- Prayer to start: dedicate yourself to the Lord
- Journaling as you go: key thoughts, writing down your prayers

**Psalm 27** (NIV) Of David.

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. <sup>3</sup>Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. <sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD. <sup>7</sup>Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. <sup>8</sup>My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek. <sup>9</sup>Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior. <sup>10</sup>Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. <sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. <sup>12</sup>Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

<sup>13</sup>I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. <sup>14</sup>Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

