



Throughout January we're exploring four key aspects that make the church truly unique. One idea we've emphasized in this series is that the church is not merely an organization but a living, breathing organism—a unique community of people on mission for God. This week Pastor Doug Meye taught on worship and the church. When looking at Psalm 95 we see worship as a repeated act for God's people but it also happens in community. The author praises the goodness of God and turns our eyes to God in heaven for a focus on worship. Throughout this passage we see how worship involves our entire being and dedication to God.

1. Psalm 95 describes worship as a response to God's grace, power, greatness, and goodness. Which of these aspects of God resonates with you the most when you worship, and why? (see Psalm 103:1-5).
2. Worship is not just individual but done best in community (read Hebrews 10:24-25). How has worship helped you grow in your walk with Jesus? What are ways our worship as a community can strengthen our connection to God and one another?
3. Psalm 95 mentions singing, shouting, and kneeling as acts of worship. Which forms of worship (e.g., singing, prayer, quiet reflection) feel most natural to you? Are there ways you'd like to grow in expressing worship?
4. We learned that worship extends beyond Sunday, impacting how we trust and obey God throughout the week (read Proverbs 3:5-6 and Romans 12:1-2). How can you bring worship into your everyday life?
5. Psalm 95 invites us to be active in our worship: "sing for joy" and "bow down". Read Psalm 96 and 100. What do these Psalms teach us about being active and not passive in our lifestyle of worship?
6. The end of Psalm 95 warns against hardening our hearts when we hear God's voice. How do you recognize when God is speaking to you? Share an example of how you responded, or struggled to respond, to His call in your life. (read John 10:27)
7. Worship reminds us of God's love, power, care, and offering hope during life's challenges. Can you recall a time when worship brought you peace or strength in a difficult moment? How can this reminder encourage others in your group?
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for strength to invite a friend to meet Jesus.