

A Life of Worship
Study Questions for Week #1
Isaiah 6:1-8

The Holiness of God

In our study this week we looked at the object of our worship, God in all of His holiness. When we encounter the holiness of God, we are immediately reminded of our sinfulness. But by God's grace, He makes a way for us to find forgiveness of our sin and offer worship in His presence.

The study questions this week will focus on confession of sin within our time of worship. When we confess sin, we get rid of the No. 1 obstacle to effective worship. Confession restores right fellowship between a Holy God and a sinner. We often desire this fellowship and deep worship, but we are rarely willing to take an honest inventory of our sin and fall on our faces humbly before God in confession.

Worship as defined in this study is *any act, thought or word that brings honor to God from the heart of one who knows Him and loves Him.*

Read Nehemiah 9

Why were the people of Israel "fasting and in sackcloth and with earth on their heads?" What was this in response to (look back at Chapter 8 for context)?

Verse 2 says that the people confessed their sins AND iniquities. What is the difference between the two? Are you in the habit of confessing your sins and iniquities?

How long did the people stand and read the Book of the Law? How long did they spend in confession and worship?

Do you make confession a regular part of your time in worship? Is your confession based on the word of God?

Read verses 6-15. There is a pattern to the people's praise of God. They begin with God as the Creator, and continue with the history of their deliverance. How might we apply this to our own times of worship each day?

In the midst of the people's remembrance of what God had done, verses 16-17 give us insight into their acknowledgment of their sin. *Confession is admitting fault, asking for forgiveness and recognizing that only God is holy and able to forgive.* Do you think it is important to God that we be specific in naming our sins when we confess? If so, why?

Take the remaining verses of this chapter (vv.18-38) and make a list of all of the things God did for His people. Make a separate list of all the ways they sinned against God. Be specific in your answers so you can see the goodness of God and the sinfulness of man.

What role does confession play in our worship?

How did this text increase your understanding of worship?

What did you observe about God's character?

What did you learn about the condition of mankind and about yourself?

How does this text point to the gospel?

What specific action steps can you take this week to apply this text to your life?

I pray that you will prayerfully consider your LIFE as an act of worship unto God. May you gain a conviction of the need to confess your sins to a merciful God as a daily act of worship.

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