Closer | Made To Worship

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START TALKING - Find conversations starters for the group or with a friend.

How would you define worship and what it means for us to worship God? What else do we worship in life and why is worship such a natural thing for us to do?

KEEP READING - Read the Scripture and ask a question to get the group thinking.

Pastor Carl took some time to help us understand the archangel Lucifer (Satan) and who we was. He had a primary role in heaven, which was worship before he was expelled.

Read Isaiah 14:12 - 14; Luke 10:18

- 1. What stood out to you about Lucifer and what you read in Isaiah 14?
- 2. Why is the language used to describe Lucifers attitude important for us to be aware of?
- 3. If the goal of Lucifer is to take your attention off God and put it on anything else, how do we ensure his goal is not accomplished?

KEEP TALKING - Choose questions to create openness.

If Lucifer is expelled from heaven there is a vacancy that needs to be filled and we are the answer to that vancacy. Yes, you and me! We became the new worship leaders, anointed to worship and give praise to God through our lives and our expressions of worship. There are two truths that we need to remember:

- God made us from Him to be with Him (Gen 1:26)
- God me us to express love to Him (John 4:23)

- 1. How do you feel about the fact that God made you from Him to be with Him?
- 2. If God wants a relationship with you more than anything else, what does this mean for everything else in our lives?
- 3. In John 4:23, the word worship means to 'bow, reverence and to be excited'. In light of this, how do you worship God?
- 4. What does the Father seek (John 4:23)?

KEEP MOVING/GOING -Commit to a step and live it out this week.

As a church, we want to keep growing our understanding of what it means to worship and creating a culture of worship. We each play an important role in that culture through how we express our worship corporately.

This week, continue to have a conversation about ways you can encourage others in corporate worship. What can you to help others and grow culture?

KEEP PRAYING

Spend some time in worship as a group. Resist songs that are about you and choose songs that declare who God is - make Jesus the centrepiece. As you worship, pray for one another that hearts may be strengthened and for relationships with the Lord to go deeper.