



## LEADING WORSHIP IN SMALL GROUP (without singing off-tune)

Small groups are encouraged to regularly incorporate times of worship. Worship isn't limited to a musical expression; there are many ways to worship God. Here are some ideas to engage God in worship in small group. Each idea takes about five to ten minutes, so you still have time for your Bible study and mutual ministry.

**Alphabet Adoration-** Praise God in prayer by beginning with the letter "A" and encouraging members to respond with an adjective they can think of that describes God (i.e. Almighty, Awesome, Amazing, etc.), then "B" and on through the alphabet while keeping focused, limit the time to five minutes or stop at "F". Then, pick up the list at "G" the following week or even a month later. Also, pause periodically to discuss some of the attributes that were shared. Connect these attributes to who God is and what this means in our lives and in our relationship with him.

**Read and Reflect on Worship Lyrics-** Encourage individuals to bring the lyrics to a meaningful worship song. Share the personal significance of the song, then have the member read the words of the lyrics as a prayer to God.

**Attributes of God-** Choose one attribute of God to reflect on and discuss together. Encourage members to brainstorm a definition, but have a definition to clarify.

Almighty	Transcendent	Perfect	Wise
Compassionate	Omniscient	Patient	Holy
Gracious	Forgiving	Majestic	Good
Merciful	Sovereign	Infinite	True
	Omnipresent	Omnipotent	

Encourage others to look up specific verses of Bible stories that reflect the attribute of God and share with the Small Group. If people don't know where to look, prompt them by suggesting certain passages. Then allow members to share how they have experienced this attribute recently. Avoid the temptation to discuss multiple attributes in one evening. Rather, use your time focus on one characteristic of God.

**"His love endures forever"-** Encourage a person to read the first half of each verse in Psalm 136 while the other members follow in unison with "His love endures forever." Then reflect on this Psalm together.

**Pray through a Psalm-** Pick a Psalm that is rich with God's attributes to introduce your Small Group to praying through Scripture. Encourage them to personalize the Scripture back to God in a prayer.

**Journal Prayers-** Give each member a piece of paper and a pen. Start a letter with “Dear Father,” and end the letter with “Love, Your Son/Daughter.” You can play worship music in the background while people write to create a more worshipful environment. When done, allow whoever is willing to read their letter as a prayer. Close by discussing the benefit to writing out prayers.

**Popcorn Praise-** Spend some time in sentence prayers- “Lord, I praise you because \_\_\_\_\_.” Let other know they can “pop” in and pray several times if they wish.

**“Why do you worship?”** Select a question related to worship to discuss for five to ten minutes as a Small Group. After discussing, pray together as a Group. Pick another question on another night. Here are some more worship discussion questions:

- Why do you worship?
- What can be things that hinder your ability to worship God?
- What attribute of God has been most meaningful to you recently?
- Discuss Psalm 46:10 says, “Be still and know that I am God.” Is it easy or hard for you to be still before God? Explain.
- What has been the most meaningful worship time you have ever had? Why?
- How can you develop as one who worships God throughout the day?
- Read Colossians 3:23. How can you worship God this week by doing things “for the Lord?”

**Take Communion.** Read the Apostle Paul’s instructions for partaking of the Lord’s Supper in 1 Corinthians 11:23-28. Discuss why Christ-followers should participate in communion, what the bread and cup symbolizes, and the words of caution in verses 27-28. Encourage people to use a time of silence for personal reflection on the condition of their lives and on the sacrifice of Christ on their behalf.

*Option A:* Pass a loaf of bread around the room and encourage individuals to break off a piece of bread. Follow with passing a goblet of grape juice and encourage individuals to dip their bread in the juice and then eat the bread.

*Option B:* Have bread (or broken crackers) and juice in the front or back of the room. Encourage individuals to stand and walk to the elements to partake in communion as they are ready. You may choose to play worship music during this time or have silent reflection.