Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced
"Bond Together/Grow Together"
For the week of 8-8-2021

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review

Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

*Opener Question or Activity: What gets you really excited? Why?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Psalm 150 - Praising God

Digging Deeper: Isaiah 6:1-5, Exodus 34:4-8, Ephesians 5:17-20, Rev. 7:9-12

1. Sunday's message was all about praising God. **To worship means** - to be *prostrate* (especially reflexive in homage to royalty or God), bow(self) down, crouch, fall down(flat). **To praise***(halal)***means** - "to shine, boast, exult." Knowing this, describe how you've understood "praise" and "worship"?

2. What did the prophet experience in Isaiah 6 from the Seraphim, worship or praise(vs 3)? What did Isaiah respond with, worship or praise(vs 5)?

3. Look at Moses' response to God in Exodus 34. Vs. 8 says *"Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped".* Personally, have you ever found yourself in a position of worship as Moses did here? Discuss.

4. Now, review Ephesians 5 and describe what Paul says the attitude of a believer's heart response to God should be. Is that worship or praise?

5. With the angels(Seraphim), with the prophet Moses, and with us, what reasons do you find that God was being, and is to be, worshiped AND praised? In other words, what is the reason or the "Why" for their specific responses to God? Discuss these reasons together.

6. Lastly, and to understand from Scripture, read over Revelation 7:9-12. How do praise and worship work together in this setting? How could your praise and worship work together in your life this week?

Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?