



Note to Leaders: Every Small Group is Different. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group

INTRODUCTION

Sometimes you can know a person better by what they hate. By knowing what they hate, you can know what they love. Jesus hates empty worship, hypocrisy, spiritual pride, and spiritual indifference.

Key Scripture

- *You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain ..."* Matthew 15:7-9 NIV
- *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.* Romans 12:1

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What different kinds of worship have you experienced in churches?
2. Describe what a meaningful expression of worship (in church) looks like for you.
3. Why do you think it's easy to get bent out of shape about different styles of worship?
4. Read Matthew 15:7-9. Talk about what it would be like to live out everything we sing with our lips.
5. Which of these biblical acts of worship feel most natural to you: kneeling, raising hands, dancing, or singing? Share your experiences. How can you grow in your in-church expression of worship?
6. Read Romans 12:1. Considering who God is and what He's done for you, how can you worship Him with the way you live this week?

MOVING FORWARD

Expand the ways you worship God in and out of church—not just this week, but for good.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

God doesn't need our worship but he desires our worship. It pleases him when we worship him not just with our lips but also with our lives.