



“Change You Can Believe In”

New Testament Small Group Plan

2 Corinthians 3:18

¹⁸ And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

OPEN IT / INTRODUCE IT ...

- Through the years, what has been the most noticeable change (to you) in your faith?
- What brought this change?

LOOK AT IT / STUDY IT ...

— WORSHIP MAKES ME HUMBLE —

Psalm 77:11-13

¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. ¹² I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds. ¹³ Your ways, O God, are holy. What god is so great as our God?

- Notice the words: “remember” “meditate” and “consider.”
- What do they mean? What do they have in common? How do you practice them? How do they contribute to worship? How do they replace pride with humility?

— WORSHIP MAKES ME SECURE —

Hebrews 11:1-2

¹ Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

² This is what the ancients were commended for.

- What truths are we rehearsing when we worship?
- How can we be “sure” and “certain” of a faith we cannot fully see or understand?

— WORSHIP MAKES ME GRATEFUL —

Colossians 3:16

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

- Describe the power of a song addressed directly to God.
- How does gratitude affect your worship experience?
- How can “dwelling” upon God, through worship, create a sense of thanksgiving?

— WORSHIP MAKES ME HOLY —

1 Peter 1:15

¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

- Finish this sentence? “The more you love God, the more _____.”
- Why does worship help us to see things as God sees them?
- What is the most difficult part of remaining holy while living in an unholy world?

— WORSHIP MAKES ME LOVING —

John 15:9-12

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

- How can God continue to love such a corrupt and fallen world?
- What kind of people do we tend to write off as beyond hope?
- Why would God say that these people are never beyond hope?

— WORSHIP MAKES ME MISSION-MINDED —

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

- To whom did Jesus give the Great Commission: to those who “worshipped” or to those who “doubted?” (trick question)
- How can “Passion for God” provide the fuel and energy for “Compassion for People?”

USE IT / APPLY IT ...

- It has been said that — “Faith is not an evacuation plan, but a transformation plan.”
- What do you think this means?
- Close by asking God to fill our worship with His presence and power.