

Weekly Devotional | April 10, 2022 - April 17, 2022

Prepare: Position for More *Worship*



Introduction: Worship

Worship is a word most associated with religion and with music. Everyone looks to something or someone to find deeper meaning for their lives. Worship reveals who or what has our affections and we value our time, money, and resources towards them. What or who we love forms us into the people we become.

True worship does not equal coming to church on Sundays or only observing the spiritual disciplines we've been talking about. In Matthew 15:8-9, Jesus says, "these people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules" (NIV). He knew that people could still worship with their lips but not with their hearts.

True worship is when we put God first in every area of our life. When God's voice and His presence matters more than anything else, He has our attention, our devotion, and our hearts that worship Him.

"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. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:1-2 (NIV).

May you worship God this week in full devotion and in the fullness of His presence.

This series is designed for you to explore how you best rest in the presence of God. Visit stonecrestchurch.com/prepare for more resources in addition to each weekly devotional guide.

Weekly Structure

We will continue in our daily rhythms of time with God, S.O.A.P. journaling, and Sabbath. As you keep in step with prayer and fasting, continue to allow the Lord to lead you in acts of kindness - in the small things. This is Holy Week. As you journal through this week, may we remember Jesus' sacrifice for us as we anticipate Easter.

S: Scripture:

- Read the passages
- Make note of a verse or phrase that jumps out at you.
- Copy that verse at the top of your journal

O: Observation:

- Observe what the verse is saying and why it might be jumping out at you.
- Write down what you're seeing and noticing in the passage.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you.

A: Application:

- How does this apply to you and what do you think God might be saying to you?
- Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write how this scripture can apply to you today.

P: Prayer:

- This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this scripture, or even a prayer for a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, Prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out.

This week:

- ❖ Day 1 — Sunday discovery guide of the worship service, designed to process with your spiritual community/transformational relationships/group
- ❖ Day 2-6 — Daily devotionals for yourself
- ❖ Day 7 — Sabbath reflection

DAY 1: APRIL 10

Discovery Guide - Worship

- How was God speaking to you while you were singing/listening?
- How is your daily rhythm with God? What did God teach you through prayer and fasting?
- Were you able to take Sabbath in the last week?
- What are the breakthroughs that Jesus is leading you in a life of worship?
- What do you want Jesus to do this Easter season?

Choose any scripture passage to S.O.A.P. today.

Observe:

Application:

Pray:

DAY 2: APRIL 11

Stop: Begin your time with God in 2 minutes of silence.

Scripture: Read John 19

Observe:

Application:

Pray:

DAY 3: APRIL 12

Stop: Begin your time with God in 2 minutes of silence.

Scripture: Read John 20

Observe:

Application:

Pray:

DAY 4: APRIL 13

Stop: Begin your time with God in 2 minutes of silence.

Scripture: Read John 21

Observe:

Application:

Pray:

DAY 5: APRIL 14

Stop: Begin your time with God in 2 minutes of silence.

Scripture: Read Mark 14:12-26

Observe:

Application:

Pray:

DAY 6: APRIL 15

Stop: Begin your time with God in 2 minutes of silence.

Scripture: Read Mark 15

Observe:

Application:

Pray:

DAY 7: APRIL 16

Your Sabbath - Reflect on your 24 hours of rest

What did you do on your Sabbath? Why?

What was life giving on your Sabbath? What was not life-giving?

What could you shift for your next Sabbath?

What did you sense from the Lord during your day of rest?

