

GROUP GUIDE – FORMED BY THE GOSPEL

SESSION 2:6 | WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

Key Scriptures

- Ephesians 5:17–21
- Colossians 3:16–17
- 1 Corinthians 10:16–17
- 1 Corinthians 11:20–22
- 1 Corinthians 11:23–26
- 1 Corinthians 11:33

Big Idea

Worship together is not individualistic consumption but Spirit-filled, Word-shaped participation: many people, one body, gathered around one Savior to glorify God, encourage one another, give thanks, and remember the Gospel.

Ice Breakers (Choose one)

- What song or shared experience instantly takes you back to a particular season of life?
- What is one worship preference you have learned is a preference, not the point?

Discussion Questions (As time allows)

1. Ephesians 5:17–21 — What is the central command in this passage, and what flows out of being filled with the Spirit?
2. Ephesians 5:19 — Paul says worship includes “addressing one another.” How does that expand our view of singing beyond personal experience?
3. Ephesians 5:19–20; Psalm 95:1–7 — How do singing and thanksgiving direct our hearts toward God and also strengthen the gathered church?
4. Ephesians 5:21 — Why does worshipping together include mutual submission out of reverence for Christ?
5. Colossians 3:16 — What does it mean for the word of Christ to dwell richly in a worshipping community?

6. Colossians 3:16–17 — How do teaching, admonishing, singing, thankfulness, words, and deeds make worship bigger than a Sunday song set?
7. 1 Corinthians 10:16–17 — How does communion show that many believers are one body around one Savior?
8. 1 Corinthians 11:20–22 — What went wrong in Corinth when the Lord’s Supper became individualistic and divisive?
9. 1 Corinthians 11:33; Philippians 2:3–4 — What does “wait for one another” teach us about worship, preference, and considering the Body?
10. Hebrews 10:24–25; Ephesians 5:19 — What is one way you can help create, not merely consume, worshipping community this week?

Application

Take a moment to reflect: Where have you treated worship more like a personal experience to evaluate than a gathered act to enter for God’s glory and others’ good? This week, choose one concrete way to participate in worship that considers God and the Body.

Examples

- Singing with the church even when the style is not your favorite
- Coming to worship ready to encourage someone else
- Giving thanks before critiquing preferences
- Preparing for communion as an act of shared remembrance
- Praying or reading Scripture with someone during the week
- Making room for someone else in conversation, group, or Sunday worship

Father, fill us with Your Spirit and let the word of Christ dwell richly among us. Teach us to worship together with gratitude, humility, and love as one body gathered around one Savior.

Key Takeaway

Worship was never meant to be spiritual background music or private consumption. In gospel-formed community, the Spirit fills a people, the Word dwells richly among them, and many believers worship as one body around one Savior.