

sessions at a glance worshiping God

UNIT 1: the why of worship (4 weeks)

	Question	Answer	Scripture
1	What happens when believers worship?	God meets with his people, and we respond with awe, trust, and thankfulness.	Genesis 28:10–22; John 1:51; Matthew 28:20
2	What do God's visual aids in the Old Testament teach us about worship?	They teach us that God lives among his people and provides a way for us to approach him.	Exodus 40:16–38; Leviticus 16:15–16, 33–34; 1 Kings 8:27–29; John 1:14
3	How does Jesus fulfill what the Old Testament temple worship represented?	Jesus is the true temple, the immortal priest, and the final sacrifice for sin.	Heb. 4–5, 7, 10; John 1:1–2, 14; John 2:11, 18–22; Matt. 17:1–7; Col. 2:9; 2 Chron. 6:18; Ex. 33:18–23
4	Why is it so important that we worship together?	Because God calls us to it, promises his presence, and lets us worship with the angels and saints in heaven.	Heb. 10:19–25; 12:22–24; John 2:18–22; 1 Cor. 3:16–17; 1 Cor. 6:19–20; Eph. 2:19–22

UNIT 2: the how and what of worship (2 weeks)

5	Does it matter how we worship?	Yes, Jesus said we must worship in spirit and truth.	John 4:1–26; John 2:18–22; John 7:37–39; 14:6, 16–17, 26; Philippians 3:3
6	Does it matter to God what we do when we worship?	Yes, God tells us in his Word what to do and not to do in worship.	Exodus 20:1–20; 1 Timothy 2:1; 1 Timothy 4:13; Colossians 3:16; Matthew 28:19; Acts 20:7

UNIT 3: the elements of worship (5 weeks)

7	Why do we have a sermon every Sunday?	Because God uses preaching to proclaim who he is and what he has done to redeem us, and to increase our faith in Christ.	1 Pet. 1:23–25; Rom. 10:11–17; Acts 20:25–32; Neh. 8:1–3, 8–10; Neh. 9:1–3; Luke 4:16–22, 28; Acts 17:1–5
8	Why do we baptize?	Because Jesus gave baptism to his church to mark his people with the sign and seal of the covenant of grace.	Selected passages
9	Why do we celebrate the Lord's Supper?	Because Christ commanded us to celebrate this sacrament together with other believers to remember his death and receive spiritual nourishment.	Ex. 12:21–27; Matt. 11:27–28; Matt. 26:17–29; 1 Cor. 10:16–17; 11:17–29
10	What is the importance of prayer in public worship?	God ordained prayer in worship so that his people may communicate with him and receive his grace.	1 Chronicles 29:1–20; Daniel 9:1–19; Matthew 6:5–13
11	Why do we sing in worship?	We sing in worship to praise God and to teach and build up one another.	Eph. 5:15–21; Col. 3:16; Psalms 1, 13, 100; Phil. 2:6–11; Col. 1:15–20; 1 Tim. 3:16

UNIT 4: the sacrifices of worship (2 weeks)

12	What's the role of sacrifice in worship today?	We worship God through the sacrifice of Christ, offering all that we are, do, and have as spiritual sacrifices to him.	Heb. 10:1–4, 11–14; 1 Pet. 2:4–5; Rom. 12:1; Heb. 13:15–16; Phil. 4:14–20
13	Can we do anything to make our worship better?	Yes, we can improve our worship of God through preparation.	Ps. 15:1–5; 24:3–6; Ex. 20:8–11; Matt. 5:23–24; Heb. 10:19–22; Neh. 8:1–3; 1 Cor. 11:27–29