

## Session Two Why Worship?

**The Purpose:** To increase understanding of and elevate the importance of worship in the lives of those at CPC. We are asking, "Why should I care so much about worship?"

1. Everyone worships something or someone. What or who do we see people worshipping in our culture?

In Revelation 4, we are given a glimpse into the throne room of heaven, and John chronicles the worship of the twenty-four elders.

### Read Revelation 4:10-11.

*the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."*

2. What is the primary declaration of the elders' worship? Why do they worship him who sits on the throne?

3. In light of this passage, in what ways is our true worship of God different from what or who our culture worships?

The primary reason we are to worship is that He, and He alone, is worthy and is due every bit of our worship and praise. The magnificent worthiness of God stands in stark contrast to any other earthly pursuit or object of our passion and devotion. When we come face to face with the glory, majesty, and magnificence of our God, our only response will be to worship. It is what we were created to do, it is central to our calling as followers of Christ, and it is what we will continue to do throughout eternity.

We also worship because scripture repeatedly models a life of worship for us and commands, instructs, and encourages us to worship (Ps. 29:2, Ps 95:6, Matt 4:10).

Scripture even helps us know how we are to worship. In John 4:23-24 Jesus says, "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

4. What are the two essential elements of true worship that define how we "must" worship?

In \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_

5. To help our understanding of true worship and the necessity of both, describe or define what worship in spirit but not in truth would look like.