

Worship 365: The Power of a Worshiping Life

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Overview

This book is written by David M. Edwards, a pastor, worship conference leader, singer and songwriter. David lays out in this book an approach to a life of worship – every day of the year, both inside and outside the walls of the church. He offers Biblical insights as well as powerful anecdotes of what a worshiping life is like.

General Theme: Worship as a Lifestyle

Leaders: How to Use This Study

I would recommend reading the chapter, reading the suggested questions here, and perhaps adding at least one of your own. You can take two chapters at a time and choose a handful of the combined questions, too, if you want to shorten the study.

Potential Road Blocks

As with any book, there are reasons you might *not* want to study this book and its spiritual implications with your K-Group or small group. If any of these would distract or shut down your group, look for a different study.

- Sometimes flowery language
- Talks about spiritual warfare (Satan, the enemy, etc) with moderate frequency, but so does Jesus in the New Testament
- At times comes across overly optimistic

Worship as a Lifestyle

Introduction

1. How frequently do you go to a worship service? Why do you choose to spend an hour (or more) of your time at a worship service?
2. In what ways can someone worship God during the week? Any examples that you currently do?
3. What do you hope will change in your life as a result of this study and these conversations?

Worship 365: Chapter 3
Worship: Hungering for God's Presence

1. If you could ask God for anything, what would it be (p.31)?

2. Do you feel like you know the “facts” about God or have a “relationship” with God (p.35)?

3. If the Lord “examine[d] your heart, your motives, and the things that make you do what you do” (p.37), how would God respond?

4. The author says on page 49, “Things happen when you start asking God to reveal His glory.”
 - a. Have you ever experienced this? Would you like to experience this?
 - b. Have you ever experienced something that made you doubt this?

Worship 365: Chapter 4
Putting on Praise

1. If you were going to rate yourself 1-10 on “self control,” what would your rating be? Why?

2. On page 53, the author writes, “We have the spiritual capability to bless or curse each day.” Do you have this capability (or wish you had it)? Why or why not?
 - a. Do you use this capability? In what ways?

3. When have you ever had (or known someone who had) a “spirit of heaviness” (p.54-55)?
 - a. How did it affect you?
 - b. How did you respond to them?

4. Is God calling you to “wrap yourself in praise” (p.64)? What might that look like for you?

Worship 365: Chapter 5
The Power of Praise

1. The author recounts an article about David on page 66 that focuses on how, “just as God was more interested in David’s heart than his capabilities, so it is with us.”
 - a. When have you tried to rely on your capabilities?
 - b. How did that turn out?

2. Where is your heart right now? Why?
 - a. How can you open your heart to God?

3. Do you feel like everything else is crowding out your praise, or your praise is crowding out everything else (p.76)?

Worship 365: Chapter 6
The Sacrifice of Praise

1. When have you felt “crushed through circumstances and trails” (p.83)?
 - a. How easy/hard was it to praise God within that time?

2. If it’s true that, “God knows it’s a sacrifice to say ‘Thank you, Jesus’ when nothing has changed” (p.87), are there times in your life now where you feel called to give a sacrifice of praise?

3. The author writes on pages 91-92, “A sacrifice of praise slays our pride, our fear, our will, and anything that would seek to deter us from our worship of Jesus Christ.” What are those things you want to “slay” within you?

Worship 365: Chapter 7
The Way In

1. Do you feel like “everything [you] do has become rush, rush, rush, run here, hurry there” (p.99)?
 - a. Share some examples
 - b. Are you satisfied with that or not?
 - c. What are you willing to do to create space and calm?

2. When have you missed an “opportunity to do something for God” (p.102)? Does your schedule allow you to change your normal actions to do something for God?

3. Do you know someone with the “fragrance of a spilled-out life” (p.107)? Do you want that for yourself? What might produce that result?

Worship 365: Chapter 8
The Presence and the Presents

1. When have you clearly heard God’s directions (p.113)? How did you know?

2. Do you regularly try to hear God’s directions? If so, how do you do it? If not, why not?

3. When have you tangibly felt God’s presence (p.117)? How did it impact you?

4. Do you ever feel called to sacrifice for God (p.118-119)? Do you feel called to sacrifice more?

Worship 365: Chapter 11
The Fruit of Our Own Throne Room Encounters

1. What is purity to you (p.146-148)?

2. What is God's purpose for you presently (p.149-150)?
 - a. How did you or can you learn this?
 - b. How can this group help you follow your purpose?

3. Where have you experienced or seen God's power (p.151-153)?
Where would you like to?

4. How do you feel about being “undignified” for God (p.157)?

Worship 365: Chapter 12
Power to Worship

1. Which of the five stages of a worship (p.162-163) encounter are easy for you? Hard? Why and why not?

2. What was the last “revelation” you heard from God (p.163-164)? How did you respond?

3. How “deep” are you right now (p.171-172)? How can this group help you go one step deeper?

