

The Prepared Man: Worship

THE POINT: Men will discuss and explore the need, the benefits, and the challenges of becoming passionate worshipers of our Creator.

WARM UP: In the July/August 1994 issue of *New Man* magazine, Gordon Taggart wrote this wish list. “I wish I were...**honest** enough to admit all my shortcomings; **brilliant** enough to accept flattery without it making me arrogant; **tall** enough to tower above deceit; **strong** enough to treasure love; **brave** enough to welcome criticism; **compassionate** enough to understand human frailties; **wise** enough to recognize my mistakes; **humble** enough to appreciate greatness; **staunch** enough to stand by my friends; **human** enough to be thoughtful of my neighbor; and **righteous** enough to be devoted to the love of God.”

◇ Which traits on Mr. Taggart’s wish list are most attractive to you? Why? _____

WORKOUT: Read **Genesis 2:7** at least three times for deeper understanding.

1. Draw or describe the picture you see in **Genesis 2:7** of the Creator forming the first man from the dust of the ground. _____

2. What does this show you about the kind of relationship the Creator wants between Himself and you? _____

3. Understanding Worship...

- a) What does worship mean? What qualifies a person to come into God’s presence to worship? **1 Chronicles 16:29. Psalms 150:6. Hebrews 4:14-16.** _____
- b) Why do you think God wants worshipers? What type of worshipers does God want? **Isaiah 29:13-14. Jeremiah 29:11-13.** _____
- c) What is one key reason a man needs to worship God? **Proverbs 4:7-9; 9:10.** _____
- d) In addition to private worship, why do you need to worship with fellow believers? **Psalms 122:1. Romans 1:11-12. 1 Corinthians 16:1-2. Hebrews 10:25.** _____
- e) What is the right way to worship God? What is the only kind of worship that God accepts? **Matthew 5:3. John 4:22-24. Luke 18:9-14.** _____
- f) How does a close relationship with God through worship change and shape your character for the better? **Genesis 2:7. Romans 12:1-2.** _____

THE TAKEAWAY: I desire to become a humble, Spirit-filled worshiper, who loves God and is passionate for God, so that I can enjoy His presence and all that comes with it.

Pray It Loud (from the Heart): Heavenly Father, You are my Creator and Savior through Jesus Christ. Give me an increasing desire to worship You with all my heart and soul. LORD, shape me as You want me for Your glory. In JESUS’ name. Amen!