

ORGANIC DISCIPLES

WEEK 3 "WHOLE-HEARTED WORSHIP"

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MESSAGE DESCRIPTION

Our God is worthy of worship! Disciples find delight in giving praise, glory, and honor to the one who deserves it. When we grow in faith, worship flows from our hearts and lips. Every experience from life can be a place for worshipping in Spirit and in truth. When the world sees Christians who celebrate the goodness of God, overflow with joy, and walk in humble surrender, they become curious. When groups of believers gather and celebrate with overflowing joy and passion, the world wants to know more and we can tell them our story.

IMAGE

1. Video clip "**Life as a persecuted Christian in North Korea**". 3.5 minutes
2. Share how this clip impacts our freedom to worship (***captivate students attention***)

NEED

1. Every time I think of the goodness of God, I want to praise Him. It's important for those who choose to follow Jesus and give our allegiance to Him, to make worship an everyday practice.

SUBJECT

1. As we dive into Scripture tonight, my prayer is that your eyes are opened to what worship is. It's not just a Sunday morning experience singing, but it's a lifestyle.

PREVIEW

1. We get a glimpse of David praising God for lifting him up and David in return has the amazing opportunity to worship God. He gives God his heart, and David knows that his life going forward will have issues. His own sin will get in the way, and enemies

will try to destroy him. But, no matter what happens, David wanted God to be magnified.

TEXT ADDRESS

1. Tonight we are diving into **Psalm 40**, and it's a Psalm from David that will draw your heart closer in worship to God.

SETUP

1. King David is one of my favorite people in the Bible. He is considered a "man after God's own heart," and in Psalm 40, we get to see David worship the Lord. David kicks things off by filling us in about how the Lord reached down when he was in some of the darkest moments of his life and lifted him out. As David watched the Lord deliver him, a new song burns within his heart. He went from brokenness, tiredness, and tears, to have a new song. New praise begins for David. David begins to express how amazing it is to trust in the Lord over all things, and nothing can compare to Him. As David proclaims the greatness of God, we see a man who knows the Lord will be with him as his life carries on.

TEXT

1. Psalm 40 (READ Psalm 40)

MAIN POINTS

1. Praising God for all He has done (1-5)

- a. Difficult years in our life (My sister)
- b. David's difficulties (*Saul trying to kill him 1 Sam 19*)--walk through this
- c. David had a new beginning with a new praise
 - i. *How has God lifted you out of the mud?*

2. Giving God our heart (6-10)

- a. David expresses appreciation (the Sanctuary)
- b. Sacrifices versus David's heart
- c. Open ears (readiness to hear and obey God)
 - i. *Does your heart yearn for God and are your ears open to be changed and transformed?*

3. Trusting God for the future (11-17)

- a. New battles
- b. Worship is an opportunity to honor God
- c. A look at our inner life (11-13)
- d. Victory (14-15)

- e. The Lord be magnified (16-17)

God knows what lies ahead in our life. Are you ready to worship God no matter what life brings?

SUMMARY

1. Psalm 40 is a great reminder from David that the LORD is worthy of our praise. He has reached down in each and every one of our lives and taken us from our brokenness, shame, tears, and heartache, and has set us on new ground. He has taken us from the pit to the solid rock, and we get to praise God for all He has done in our life. We have the opportunity to enter into the Sanctuary just like David, to express our gratitude for all God has done. It's like we enter with our Palms up, with a heart that yearns for Him, and ears that are ready to be opened so that we can hear and obey God. That doesn't mean everything in our life is going to be sunshine and rainbows. Each of us will face battles the moment we leave here tonight. But, we have a God who goes before us, and we get to worship Him and call on His name with everything that comes our way.

LANDING

1. As you continue to grow in your faith, worship and praise will flow from your lips. Worship will be a lifestyle. Worship will not be something that happens on Sunday for 20 minutes, but worship will flow from many aspects of your life.
 - a. *As you roll out of bed in the morning and begin to pray, that's worship.*
 - b. *As you see a beautiful sunrise or sunset, it's an opportunity to worship, God, as He is the artist of it all.*
 - c. *A walk on the beach or any place that draws you in His presence*
 - d. *Friends coming together*
 - e. *Monday night/Sunday morning*

TRANSITION TO WORSHIP STATIONS IN SMALL GROUPS

1. Worship together (1 song led by Meg Ryan)
2. Journal/write a note to God
3. Pray for the world (world map visible)
4. Communion station (led by Brandon)
5. Creative art station (rock painting)