

INFUSION # 16

WHOLEHEARTED WORSHIP

Outreach Influence Team

Meeting Preparation

For the best experience of learning and transformation, please take some time to do the following three things:

Read: *Organic Disciples* Chapters (10-12)

- Chapter 10 - “Worthy of Worship”
- Chapter 11 - “Worship as a Lifestyle”
- Chapter 12 - “The World Loves a Good Party!”

Also, read pages 74-76 in *Organic Outreach for Churches*, and reflect on the Mind Shift from Fatalism to Faith.

Pray: Ask God to grow your heart to worship Him with growing passion and through the flow of every day, not just when you are in church.

Action: Find a worship song you believe will speak to the heart of a non-believing friend or family member you care about. Text or email a link to this song to this person. Share what it means to you, ask them to listen to it, and let you know if it connects with them in any way.

Infusion Focus

In each of the infusions built on the content of *Organic Disciples*, we will focus on one marker of spiritual growth. We will ask three questions: 1) How did Jesus model and teach this marker? 2) How should I follow the example of my Lord in this area of my spiritual life? 3) How should this lead me on mission with Jesus in my daily life? To put it simply, we will learn from Jesus, live like Jesus, and follow Jesus on mission. In this infusion, we will look at what Jesus taught us about worship and be inspired by our Savior. Then we will seek to grow as worshippers in gathered settings and in the flow of our lives. Finally, we will discover how a passionate life of worship leads us outward to the people who Jesus loves.





Opening Scripture and Prayer

Read: John 4:21-24 (2 minutes)

Pray: Lift up short prayers of praise and worship to God for who He is and His gracious goodness to His children.



The One-Degree Rule: Four Minutes to Share It (10 minutes)

Take time in pairs and have each person respond to the three questions below. Each person should keep their sharing to around four minutes.

- On a scale of 1-10, how hot is your passion for lost people and how active is your engagement in walking with people toward Jesus?
- How does worship draw you close to the heart of God in a way that increases your love for the lost sheep Jesus came to save?
- What can you do this coming week to raise your personal outreach temperature and engage more with people in your life who are far from Jesus?

My Infusion Strategy: Follow-up (6 minutes)

Take time to honestly discuss these two questions:

- Share how you have been helping the people you influence to grow in passionate prayer for the people in their life that are not yet following Jesus as the leader and savior of their life.
- How are you modeling regular prayer for the lost in your life so that the people you lead learn from your example?



Share: Share your responses to the prompts provided below: (10 minutes)

- How have you experienced the presence, power, and grace of Jesus in a worship setting (either gathered or in the flow of life)?
 - If a non-believing person were to come to your church for a weekend worship service, how might they encounter the grace of Jesus, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the love of the Father in some real and impactful way?
 - How have you seen authentic worship help a person take steps closer to Jesus or even step into the arms of the Savior and receive Him by faith?
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Learning Theme 1: Learning about Worship From Jesus (6 minutes)

Read: Matthew 2:1-2, Mark 11:9-10, John 1:49, and Matthew 28:16-17

Discuss:

- What is happening in all of these passages, and what does this teach us about Jesus?
- All through the Gospels, Jesus is worshipped, and He warmly receives it! What does this teach us about how Jesus saw Himself and how He viewed worship?

Learning Theme 2: Going Deeper in Worship (6 minutes)

In the Gospel of John chapter four, Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman at a well. They have a deep and rich conversation about worship, where Jesus broke a lot of long-held views about the “where -of-worship.” Our Savior was clear that worship is not about the right mountain or building (place). It is about a condition of the heart and authentic connection with God.

Read: John 4:19-26

Discuss:

- If worship is not confined to church buildings and formal gatherings of believers, where are some of the places that worship can happen in Spirit and truth? What might this look like?
- When we do gather with God's people for worship services, what are some of the ways this can be a witness to spiritual seekers who might join us?
- How can non-believing people see and encounter God when we worship Him in Spirit and truth (in formal and informal settings)?

Action: Plan to invite a person you love, who is not yet a follower of Jesus, to a setting where worship will be part of the gathering (in a church or outside of a church). Let this person know what worship means to you and invite them to be open to sense and experience the presence of God and His truth and grace. After the time of worship, ask them what they thought, felt and experienced. Invite them to be honest.

BONUS: (6 minutes) The Mind Shift from Fatalism to Faith. When we seek to follow Jesus on His mission and reach the world with the Gospel, the forces of hell rise up against us. When it comes to outreach, many committed Christians feel uncomfortable and avoid the topic. It is easy to get discouraged!

But Jesus sent us on His mission and promised to be with us every step of the way (Matthew 28:18-20). When the Holy Spirit lives in us, we know that the power of God that is in us is victorious over the enemy of our soul who seeks to destroy the work of Jesus (1 John 4:4). Our Savior has won the battle and conquered the power of sin, death, hell and Satan. With this in mind, we can step out into our world and confidently share the Good News of Jesus. Don't be discouraged. Don't give up!

Discuss: How can you walk in faith and take one bold next step into the mission of Jesus to make disciples of all nations?



Discussion and Collaboration: (5 minutes)

- What worship experiences are coming up in your church (including weekly worship services) that can connect spiritually hungry people to the presence and truth of Jesus?
- What outreach event, ministry, or strategy are you engaging in (in your area of ministry) in the next three months and how can others (OIT members) pray and support you?
- What is happening for outreach in the life of the whole church in the next six months and how can the members of the OIT help this succeed? How can you all be praying for a powerful work of God through this outreach?

My Infusion Strategy (5 minutes): How will I infuse what I have learned this month about the connection of worship and outreach into my Level 4 Ministry Leaders and beyond?

Identify:
Person/Group/Team

Write Down:
Infusion Strategy/Action

Closing Prayer: Pray together... (4 minutes)

- Thank God for inviting believers and spiritual seekers into His presence through worship.
 - Pray for those who lead worship in your church to be filled with the Spirit and passionate as they give praise to God and help others come into the presence of Jesus.
 - Ask for each believer in your church to realize that worship can happen anywhere and everywhere.
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Read: John 4:21-24 (2 minutes)

Pray: Lift up short prayers of praise and worship to God for who He is and His gracious goodness to His children.



The One-Degree Rule: Two Minutes to Share It
(5 minutes)

Take time in pairs and have each person respond to the two questions below. Each person should keep their sharing to around two minutes.

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The One-Degree Rule: One Minute to Share It
(3 minutes)

Take time in pairs and have each person respond to the question below. Each person should keep their sharing to around one minute.

- On a scale of 1-10, how hot is your passion for lost people, and how can you turn the dial up and increase your love for people who are far from God?
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Share: Share your response to the prompt provided below: (3 minutes)

- If a non-believing person were to come to your church for a weekend worship service, how might they encounter the grace of Jesus, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the love of the Father in some real and impactful way?
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- Pray for those who lead worship in your church to be filled with the Spirit and passionate as they give praise to God and help others come into the presence of Jesus.