

## Group Meeting

### Welcome!

Welcome to Session 11 of *Believe*. If there are any new members in your group, take a moment to introduce yourselves to each other. Then spend a couple of minutes sharing insights or questions about this session's personal study. Now start the video!

#### VIDEO TEACHING NOTES

*As you watch the video segment for Session 11, use the following outline to record some of the main points. (The answer key is found at the end of the session.)*

- Key Question: How do I honor God in the way he \_\_\_\_\_?
- Key Idea: I worship God for \_\_\_\_\_ he is and what he has \_\_\_\_\_ for me.
- Key Verse: "Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with \_\_\_\_\_ and extol him with music and song." (Psalm 95:1-2)
- (Key Application) I \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge God for who he is and what he has done for me.
- (Key Application) I worship God, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, with the songs I sing, the words I speak, and the way I live my life.
- (Key Application) When I attribute \_\_\_\_\_ to God as a child of God, unmerited worth is attributed to me.

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## GETTING STARTED

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*Begin your discussion by reciting the Key Verse and Key Idea together as a group. On your first attempt, use your notes if you need help. On your second attempt, try to state them completely from memory.*

**KEY VERSE:** "Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song." (Psalm 95:1–2)



**KEY IDEA:** I worship God for who he is and what he has done for me.

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## GROUP DISCUSSION

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*As a group, discuss your thoughts and feelings about the following declarations. Which statements are easy to declare with certainty? Which are more challenging, and why?*

- I thank God daily for who he is and what he is doing in my life.
- I attend religious services and worship with other believers each week.
- I give God the credit for all that I am and all that I possess.
- I am not ashamed for others to know that I worship God.

*Based on your group's dynamics and spiritual maturity, choose the 2–3 questions that will lead to the best discussion about this week's Key Idea.*

1. As a group, make a list of different ways that worship can be expressed to God.
  
2. What about God's character compels you to give him your worship?
  
3. Discuss which worship song lyrics best describe your thoughts and feelings about God.

4. In what diverse ways do you see your fellow group members expressing worship to God?

*Read Matthew 23:1–28 (see the section "The Heart's Intent" in Believe) and choose 1 questions that will lead to the greatest discussion in your group.*

1. In what ways can worship become a heartless ritual?
  
2. What can we learn from Jesus' rebuke of the Pharisees? How do we keep ourselves from making the same mistake?
  
3. What has God done in your life that produced a desire to worship him?

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## CASE STUDY

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*Use the following case study as a model for a real-life situation where you might put this week's Key Idea into practice.*

You became friends with Tiago three years ago when your sons started playing soccer together. As you cheer the boys on, your conversations often lead to serious topics, such as faith, politics, and college football. He describes himself as a spiritual person who keeps his beliefs private. He occasionally says, "I've never felt the need to make my faith public. What's the point?"

*Using the Key Applications from this session, what could you say or do to help Tiago? needed, refer to your video notes for a reminder of this session's Key Applications.)*

