

When My Worship Isn't Working

Midweek Discussion Guide

Key Theme:

Worship is not about what we get, but about who God is. When our worship feels empty, it's time to evaluate our heart, our perspective, and our motives before God.


Opening Question:

Have you ever felt like your worship has become routine, dry, or ineffective? What do you think causes us to feel disconnected in worship?

Scripture Focus & Discussion Points:

1. Worship is About Giving, Not Receiving

Romans 12:1-2 (KJV)

 *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."*

Discussion Questions:


- What does it mean to present our bodies as a “living sacrifice” in worship?
- Have you ever caught yourself making worship about what you can get rather than what you give?
- How does renewing our minds change the way we worship?

Point to Make:

Worship isn't a transaction—it's a declaration of God's worth. When our perspective shifts from *getting* to *giving*, our worship becomes more powerful.

2. Worship is About Relationship, Not Results

Judges 16:20-21 (NLT)

 *“Then she cried out, ‘Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!’ When he woke up, he thought, ‘I will do as before and shake myself free.’ But he didn’t realize the Lord had left him.”*

Discussion Questions:


- What do you think caused Samson to lose sight of his relationship with God?
- Have you ever been in a place where you felt distant from God but didn’t realize it right away?
- What are some things that distract us from keeping our hearts aligned with God in worship?

Point to Make:

Samson’s strength wasn’t in his hair—it was in his heart’s devotion to God. Worship isn’t about what God does for us; it’s about staying connected to the One who is worthy.

3. Worship Flows from a Pure Heart

Judges 16:28 (KJV)

 *“And Samson called unto the Lord, and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.”*

Discussion Questions:

- How does a wandering heart affect the way we worship?
- What are some signs that our worship has become dry or passionless?
- What steps can we take to realign our hearts with God and rekindle passionate worship?

Point to Make: Worship is an overflow of a heart that is close to God. If the fire of worship has gone out, the best way to reignite it is to return to God with sincerity and surrender.

Final Reflection & Prayer:

Reflection: If your worship feels distant or dry, ask yourself:

- Have I made worship about what I receive instead of what I give?
- Am I staying connected to God, or have I drifted like Samson?
- Is my heart in a place of surrender, or am I just going through the motions?



Prayer:

Lord, restore the fire of worship in our hearts. Help us to worship You for who You are, not just for what You do. We surrender our hearts, our motives, and our desires to You. May our worship always be a reflection of our love and devotion to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.