

Above All Names | Worship Experience

Scripture

Isaiah 9:6, Psalm 145:1-7, Matthew 2:11 and Psalm 34:1-3

Overview

This past Sunday was a Worship Experience Sunday, which means our only aim was to spend time adoring our King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We started this Christmas season by setting our hearts and minds on Jesus through music, reflection, and prayer. Let's look deeper into the Scriptures used as the foundation for our Worship Experience and end our group time listening and worshipping together.

Opening Question

What is your favorite worship music? What is it about that song that resonates with you?

Bible Discussion

1. Read Isaiah 9:6. What is the context of this passage? What is the significance of the titles given to the coming child in this context? How do we know these verses describe Jesus? (See Matthew 4:12-16 for a hint.)
2. The Psalms teach us about the power of praise and worship to our Great God. Read Psalm 145:1-7 slowly, taking in every word. Which verse stood out to you and why? Why do you think verse 4 is important? How do these verses encourage us to focus on God's character in times of challenge or difficulty?
3. Read Matthew 2:11. Who did this for Jesus and why? Have you ever thought of giving financially to the mission of Jesus to be a form of worship? How could the extravagant gifts from the Magi inspire and encourage us in our generosity?
4. Read Psalm 34:1-3. How does David's continual praise of God challenge your personal worship practices?

Life Application

5. Given the four names describing Jesus in Isaiah 9:6, which role of Jesus do you need right now?
6. When the praise of God is shared with others, they, in turn, are encouraged to praise Him. How have you recently praised God or told others about all He has done for you?
7. Close your group time listening to one or two worship songs of your choice. Have some blank paper in front of you and write anything the Lord puts on your heart while listening to the worship song(s). It could be a word, a Scripture, or even a picture. If time allows, share the significance of what you wrote or drew. Praise God for who He is and what He has done in sending the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords to earth.