MC

SUMMER of LOVE

THE WORSHIP WAR: CHOOSING SIDES

STUDY GUIDE



WHAT IS WORSHIP?

Worship is finding pleasure in God and responding to it.

ABOUT WORSHIP

- Extravagant respect, admiration, or devotion towards an object of esteem.
- Act of assigning worth or value to someone or something.
- Worship is our destination. Its where we're all going! Romans 14:10-11
- Worship is in us and eternal. Ecclesiastes 3:11
- Worship is more than music. Its made up of sacrifice (something that costs you) and an altar (giving it to God intentionally). Genesis 22:5

FOUR TYPES OF WORSHIP

1. **Intercessory Worship:** Spirit-led songs that become prayers, releasing God's justice, mercy, and breakthrough. (Revelation 5:8)
Examples: MC Worship: Fortify My Faith, Fear Go

2. **High Praise:** Bold, loud, and undignified praise that declares who God is and what He has done with confidence. (Psalm 149:6-9)
Example: MC Worship: He Shall Reign, Be Exalted, HOLY

3. **Adoration:** Love songs to the Lord that are simple, pure, and focused solely on ministering to God's heart. (Psalm 27:4, Revelation 4:8-11)
Example: MC Worship: No Other Reason

4. **Prophetic Worship:** Spirit-led worship that speaks, sings, or declares the heart of God for a specific moment, person, or season. (Psalm 40:3, 1 Chron 35:1)
Example: MC Worship: Dunamis, 1 Step Forward and 2 Steps Back

Worship is active, not passive. We must participate! Give Him your body. (2 Samuel 24:24, Romans 12:1)

God is not pleased with the appearance of worship alone.

WHO GETS YOUR WORSHIP?

REMINDER: Worship isn't about you or for you! (Galatians 1:10)

WORSHIP PRECEDES WAR

In worship, these men positioned themselves on the Lord's side before war.

- Gideon – Judges 6:34
- Joshua – Joshua 6:2
- King Jehoshaphat – 2 Chronicles 20

Your worship will either position you with God or against Him.

Worship is inevitable. You get decide who you will give it to.

IDOLATRY: WHO GETS YOUR WORSHIP?

Idols are:

- False gods in our lives.
- The things we hope God never asks us for.
- The things we put before God.
- The things we can't say no to.
- The things that cause us to compromise a previous yes to the Lord.

Idols are often made in the waiting. Exodus 32:1-9

Idols are the things you accredit your victories to. Exodus 32:8

You become like the one you worship. Exodus 32:9, 2 Kings 17:15, Ps 115:4-7

In His mercy, God will make war against the idols in your life (Zephaniah 2:11).

APPLICATION

QUESTIONS FOR YOURSELF:

- Where has my worship been passive instead of intentional?
- What idols I have bowed to when I grew tired of waiting on God?
- Am I engaging in worship that costs me something, or have I settled into appearance-only worship?

QUESTIONS FOR GOD:

- Where has my worship been misdirected or misused?
- What kind of worship are You asking from me in this season?
- What idols, if any, are competing for my affection and allegiance?

QUESTIONS FOR OTHERS:

- What areas in my life have I let idols take the place of God? How?
- What have you seen worship do during hard seasons in your life?
- How have you seen God move when you've chosen to worship before breakthrough came?

STEWARDING WORSHIP:

- **Identify & destroy idols.** Name one idol you're tempted to worship (comfort, success, control, etc.) and intentionally lay it down.
- **Engage physically in worship.** This week, choose to use your body in worship—kneel, lift your hands, sing aloud—no matter where you are.
- **Participate daily.** Set aside time each day for active worship in your daily encounter or another time. Give God your full attention during this time!
- **Choose a stone.** Pick one of the four types or worship to grow in this week.
- **Worship before the battle.** Identify a current challenge you're facing and intentionally worship God before asking for help or breakthrough.

PRAYER OF RADICAL LOVE.

Father, I really do love You. I call You Holy, You call me Beloved! Thank You for loving me. Today I love on You. Would You love on me? Your love is perfect. I want to love like You! Help me love my neighbor and my enemy. Teach me how to war in love. I pray the love of God casts out all fear. Shame, go! Glory of God come fill me. Holy Spirit help me to love what You love and hate what You hate. I choose to obey You today! Lord, I love You with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength. I pray today to encounter Your radical love! Amen.

