

# Growth Group Discussion Questions—Feb. 14-Feb. 21

1. Share your favorite place in the world to go?
  
2. Dave started a very important new sermon series this last weekend called "Worship Serve Grow." The first big point of the series is that God expects us to worship Him alone. What is "worship" anyway? Define this dusty old word in fresh new ways.
  
3. Worship is a choice, but it's also often a spontaneous reaction. We're practically *compelled* to worship (i.e., enthusiastically attribute worth to someone or something) when we encounter a person or thing of extreme value, courage, nobility, or beauty. Read the following verses out loud in your growth group. How and why do they stir up in your heart worshipful thoughts and feelings for God without you having to work for them?
  - A. 1 Pet. 3:18
  - B. 1 John 4:10
  - C. Gal. 1:4
  - D. 1 John 2:2
  - E. Rev. 5:9

[Instead of just analyzing worship in the abstract, why not act now and give God worth through shorts prayers of celebration and gratitude. Take a "praise pause" for a few minutes before getting back to the discussion.]

4. How can you keep these pictures of God's generous love in front of you so that worship for Him spills out of a soft and humble heart, rather than having to be pumped out by brute force?
  
5. In contrast to the careless worship that God rejects, Dave talked about how God delights in four aspects of true worship. They are (1) giving Him awe; (2) giving Him affection; (3) giving Him attention; and (4) giving Him action. Give specific examples of each type of true worship that you see at Santa Cruz Bible Church. Take them one by one and explore how worship is so much more than simply words.
  
6. Which one of the four aspects of true worship strikes you as area of "worship-growth" for you personally? For our church as a whole in 2010?