

BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS



1. Most people have never seen the slaughter of an animal for food—much less a sacrifice. Depending on your background and your culture, the word “sacrifice,” can bring connotations of anything from a bloody ceremony to going without cream in your coffee. What does sacrifice mean to you? Describe something you have personally sacrificed.
2. What does Hebrews 13:15 tell us to offer in sacrifice? Why do you think the word sacrifice is used to describe a something verbal—that you must say it?
3. When Leah and Truitt were praising God through song, he warned her with the verse Isaiah 29:13. Have you found it possible to go through the action of praise, yet keep your heart removed?
4. Christ also quoted that verse in Isaiah in Mark 7:7. It’s easy to say that you love worship if you love singing—but is it still possible to worship in vain even if you love to worship? Share an example if you can.
5. You may know from passages such as the Lord’s Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 that we are to forgive others. Now read Matthew 5:23-24. If we remember someone has something against us, what are we supposed to attempt *before* we leave our sacrifice?
6. I know as a parent, I am most content when my children are not only tolerating each other, but enjoying each other. What did David have to say about unity in Psalm 133:1?
7. In Zephaniah 3:9 Why does God purify their lips?
8. How do you think your relationship with other Christians affects your worship? If nothing comes to mind, spend a moment in prayer.
9. There are many different kinds of people. Humans can be loud, subdued, outgoing, private...continue the list by describing both yourself and people that annoy you. Also think of people who please you, or draw you into worship.
10. Other than singing, what actions are listed in Psalm 95?
11. Do you believe God created us to be different? Explain or list verses. How should/can all the different kinds of people approach God:

In worship? Should it be the same for everyone?

In our hearts? Should it be the same for everyone?

12. There is a quote in the movie Chariots of Fire, "I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast. And when I run I feel His pleasure." Share a way you worship God besides singing. If you're not sure, think of something that gives you a great deal of joy even if it is simple, like making a meal or buying someone a cup of coffee.
13. We don't always come to God happy, but we can always praise. Write a few positive or negative emotions that would match the following actions as listed in Psalm 95. You could have both represented in each action:

Shouting

Singing

Kneeling

Bowing down

14. According to John 4:23-24, God is seeking true worshipers. What else does it say about God?
15. It is good to take note when Christ says we must do something, or do it a certain way—specific instructions from him aren't negotiable. How does it say we must worship God?
16. How would you know if you believed a lie about God?
17. In what ways can your truthfulness about yourself affect your approach to God?
18. Why would God want honesty about yourself apparent in your relationship to him?
19. How do you define being in the spiritual realm? Worshiping in the spirit? What is the difference between worshiping in the spiritual and physical realms?
20. If you are worshiping the true God, in spirit and in truth—should it matter what genre of songs the worship leader is playing?
21. Are you allowed to seek out music that pleases you in your worship to God? Why or why not?
22. Do others need to be as affected by your favorite music as you are? Do you need to be conformed to someone else's preferred music or worship-style?
23. Return to Zephaniah 3:9, use New American Standard Bible (NASB) if possible. As we stand shoulder to shoulder with the body of Christ; each with different personalities, tastes and preferences, what is the one thing that should unite us in our worship?
24. If you are worshiping in spirit and in truth, and sharing grace with those you are worshiping with, could it be considered a living sacrifice to God?
25. Is there anything that currently prevents you from worshiping God?