

(1) Take a few minutes and let each person define “worship” as they have been taught in the past. What were you told about its essential elements? Now compare your understanding with the definition I provided.

(2) Define the words “education” and “exultation” and “exultation”. How do they relate to each other when it comes to worship? Is it important that they be in any particular order in terms of which causes or leads to the other? Why? What is the difference between the letters “u” and “a” in the second and third words? Why is it important that we make this distinction?

(3) Read Matthew 15:7-9. What does this tell us about the nature of true worship? Why is this one of the more frightening verses in all the Bible? Have you ever found yourself thinking you honored God with your “lips” while your “heart” was far from him? What does this mean?

(4) Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. What does this passage have to say about why you exist? Are you ok in knowing that you exist to honor someone other than yourself? If this truly is the reason why you exist, how is it reflected in your daily experience?

(5) Give some practical, concrete examples of ways in which you, through how you live and what you say, “proclaim God’s excellencies.”