

Worship Sheet

Writing a Psalm - In awe

In this session we will be writing psalms of praise and worship, taking inspiration from the way the biblical psalmists, eg, David, wrote. We will imagine that we're writing the psalms when we feel in awe of everything God is and/or something He has done or is doing (or any other scenario of your choice)

- Other worship sheets on the OneStop
 - Worship Sheet Thankfulness <u>LINK</u>
 Worship Sheet Writing a Psalm Under prossure
 - Worship Sheet Writing a Psalm Under pressure LINK
- Recommended reading on worship

The Good God *by Michael Reeves* - <u>BUY NOW</u>
Desiring God *by John Piper* - <u>BUY NOW</u>

Worship sheet – Writing a Psalm – In awe of God

Opening prayers – The leader might like to ask the Holy Spirit to come and inspire each individual with a spirit of worship, to satisfy our hearts' yearning for Him.

Playlist of songs - Listen, worship and prepare

Link to 'King's' playlist for alternative songs

Choose one or more of the songs below or, if you prefer, select songs of your choice from the playlist above. The group can **listen** and prayerfully prepare themselves for the session, or sing along if people prefer

<u>□To God be the Glory</u> Jesu joy of man's desiring (classical)

¹ Oh Lord my God, when I in awsome wonder

Read this scripture Psalm 145 (ESV) I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. (2) Every day I will bless you ...

Scenario

Remember a time when you were feeling in awe of everything God is and/or of something He has done or is doing - eg, wondering at the beauty of creation, a the birth of a new baby, when you have received a dramatic answer to prayer etc. Like the psalmist, turn to God your saviour and express your wonder, awe, thanks and adoration of Him in a psalm.

Activity

You will need...

Several sheets of paper and a few pens

Each person should write 2-4 lines (depending on the number of people in the group) of a psalm of praise worship and/or thanks about the situation described above – real or imagined (allow as much time per person as is needed – probably 2-3 mins).

The first person should try and base their words around the idea of the **wisdom** of God (see below), the second person around God's **power** and so on. These characteristics of God's majesty can be found in (Revelation 5:12 (ESV)):

Wisdom - Power (ie, authority) - Glory - Honour - Wealth - Might - Blessing

- When each has finished writing, they should pass the piece of paper on to the next person, who repeats the exercise, but basing their words on the next characteristic in the list above. Their words should build on what the previous person(s) has/have written.
- Repeat the process as long as time permits or until each person has contributed to every psalm (time allowing – it is not essential for each person to have written on every psalm)

Allow around 20 minutes or so for the writing part. When finished, read through each psalm – make sure you allow plenty of time for this - if the group is large, you may have to read through some of the psalms the following week. You might also like to incorporate the reading of the psalms into a time of prayer.

Prayer

General time of prayer – incorporate the psalms if you are able. As per normal, take requests for Individual needs etc. Close the session.

Debrief – was there a continuous sense of worship and praise, even though the psalm came from a situation of need?