DISCUSSION GUIDE: "Real Worship"

This is not a typical study guide, since there wasn't a typical sermon on this Sunday. Instead, this is intended as a guide for thought and discussion in the small groups.

Discussion

- 1. Give two words to describe your response to the service last Sunday.
- 2. What is the most meaningful part of corporate worship to you?

3. What did you learn about worship from the service last Sunday? Please explain how you learned this.

4. What did you learn about yourself and the way you worship? Please explain.

5. What are the four elements that appear to be universal in Christian worship?

6. On a sale of 1-10, how would you rate those elements in terms of quality and strength at a typical worship service at NOCC?

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7. Why do you think music expression has become so important in worship today?

8. How do you think we should change our worship services at NOCC to improve the quality of worship we offer God?

9. Since worship is about what we offer God, what influence should the knowledge that people who aren't Christian are present have on how we worship the Lord? (NOTE: Use a concordance or Topical Bible to find scripture that guides you in this answer).

Taking It Home

10. What changes, if any, do you need to make in how you approach worship based on what you learned this week?

11. As a group, take time to pray for NOCC and our ability to express worship to God. Ask Him to guide those who structure the worship experiences we have on Sunday mornings so that they would truly facilitate our worship of Him.