

Water of Life Community Church  
WORSHIPPING YOUR KING  
PART 4  
PSALM 63

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## ICE BREAKERS

## PRAYER

## WORSHIP

## INTRODUCTION

We started this series thinking about words we'd use to describe our praise and worship. Through this series, we've expanded that list and understood more deeply what it means to praise the Lord. In today's study, we'll examine the last of the seven Hebrew words for praise—shabach—as another demonstrative way to give ourselves in worship so that we might find refreshment and restoration from the Lord. We'll also discuss what it means to live in worship as part of our daily lives in Christ.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### 1. READ PSALM 63:1-5.

- a. If you are honest, is there anything in this life that you want more than God? If so, what? Why is it so easy for us to desire other things more than we desire God? How does our desire for other things impact our praise and worship of Him?
- b. Why should God's holiness cause us to want Him more than life itself (v. 3)?
- c. When you dwell upon God, what causes you to worship Him? What about God's personality and works are amazing to you right now, in your current stage of life?
- d. Why do you think David used three different words for praise to express himself here?
- e. Read Psalm 145:4. Do you think we're meant to take this literally at Water of Life? What makes you nervous about that? What excites you about the idea of declaring our praise loudly together?

### 2. READ EPHESIANS 5:18-21 AND COLOSSIANS 3:16.

- a. Why do you think that Paul contrasted getting drunk with being filled with the Holy Spirit? What are the differences between the two?
- b. What do you think it means to be filled by the Holy Spirit? How do we get filled with the Holy Spirit?

c. What do you think Paul meant when he wrote for us to “speak to” each other through singing? Why is it that we do not often think of the effect our worship has on fellow believers?

d. What can Ephesians 5:18-21 teach us about what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit? What might we learn about the Trinity from this passage?

e. Have you ever been drawn deeper into worship because you've been with other people who were deeply worshipping God?

f. How does it help deepen your faith to sing what you know about God? What about when you aren't sure that you know or fully believe the words you're singing? How does it help you to sing those words in those situations where doubts arise?

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## PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

One question to diagnose your worship is: “Do I long for God?” How would you answer this? Do you know what it looks and feels like to long for God, just as David did? If not, what needs to change?

Considering that it is God's will that we be Spirit-filled, in what ways, specifically, should we see that in our worship?

Would you say that Colossians 3:16 describes Water of Life? Why or why not? What would it take for us to live out Paul's words more fully?

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## GOING DEEPER / WEEKLY CHALLENGE

### REFLECT

- When was the last time you were led to shout to the Lord without fear or inhibitions?

### RESPOND

- Shabach (shout or declare loudly) something about God this week.
- This week embrace those worship songs that instruct your heart in the way it should go.

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## MEMORY VERSE

Colossians 3:16

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” (ESV)