

# Believe

## Small Group Guide

### Session 11

**Video:** Play Believe video for Session 11. This is available from your Study Gateway account. Each video is approximately 10-14 minutes.

**Key Verse:** Read the key verse together. *Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. (Psalm 95:1-2)*

**Key Idea:** I worship God for who he is and what he has done for me.

#### Group Discussion

*As a group, discuss your thoughts and feelings about the following declarations. Which statement are easy to declare with certainty? Which are more challenging, and why?*

- I thank God daily for who he is and what he is doing in my life.
- I attend religious services and worship with other believers each week.
- I give God the credit for all that I am and all that I possess.
- I am not ashamed for others to know that I worship God.

*Go through the following questions. Feel free to go through all of them or just a few based on your group size and time restraints.*

- 1) As a group, make a list of different ways that worship can be expressed to God.
- 2) What about God's character compels you to give him your worship?
- 3) Discuss which worship songs and lyrics best describe your thoughts and feelings about God.
- 4) How easy is it to relate worship to our personal preferences? What are the dangers in doing that?

*Read Matthew 23:1-28*

- 1) In what ways can worship be “heartless” and become more like going through the motions?
- 2) What can we learn from Jesus’ rebuke of the Pharisees? How do we keep ourselves from making the same mistakes?
- 3) Before you close, share with each other what God has done in your life that produced a desire to worship him?

Closing Prayer

*Close your time together with prayer. Share your prayer requests with one another. Ask God to help you put this week’s key idea into practice.*