

# GROWTH GROUP BRIEFING NOTES

Date:

9<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Title:

*Discipleship in Communal  
Worship*

Passage:

Psalm 96

Speaker:

Emily Dry

Welcome to this week's GG Briefing Notes! Thanks for leading this discussion in your group. Do pray that God uses it to help everyone in your group become more like Jesus.

We have suggested below some things to aim for in your discussion. Please don't just read this sheet out to the group! Decide before you start how you'll work towards each aim. Which of our questions will you use (you may not need all of them) – or can you think of better ones? What kind of answers will you be hoping to get from each question?

As you ask questions, keep the aim in mind, and only give hints if you have to. Don't forget to make sure everyone in the group is involved.

## 1

**Aim**

**To recap the call to praise in Psalm 96.**

**Some  
Possible  
Questions**

Ask someone to read Psalm 96.

Divide into pairs and ask each pair to make a list of either (a) all the instructions in the Psalm or (b) all the reasons to praise God given in the psalm.

Have one of each of the lists read out to the whole group.

Ask someone to read v7-9 again.

These verses call us to be worshippers and acknowledge the amazingness of what God's like. We're going to think today about how we can grow in that.

**Hints**

Leave plenty of time for sections two and three.

## 2

**Aim**

**To discuss how we can overcome obstacles to our worship.**

**Some  
Possible  
Questions**

In twos and threes, discuss (a) what distractions and practical challenges hinder your worship on Sundays, at GG, etc. and (b) what strategies you use to try to overcome those hindrances.

Share some of these with the whole group.

In twos and threes, discuss (a) what challenges or difficulties in your relationship with God hinder your worship and (b) what strategies you use to try to overcome those hindrances.

Share some of these with the whole group.

From the ideas you've heard tonight and/or Emily's talk, what one thing could you do to grow in giving God the glory He is due when you're worshipping with others?

## 3

**Aim**

**To declare God's marvellous works among the people of your GG!**

**Some  
Possible  
Questions**

Ask someone to read v3 again.

What marvellous things has God done that inspire you to worship Him?

