

WEEK 4

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

ANTHEM

When you hear the word "worship," you might think of a church building, a choir, your favorite worship song, or maybe a special tradition. Worship takes a lot of forms, but sometimes we make the mistake of thinking worship is something it's not — or, at least, something much smaller than what it really is. You can worship through song and meaningful traditions, but when's the last time you worshiped by going outside? Or cleaning up your neighborhood? Or making a friend? Or telling God you're angry? In this 4-week series, we'll explore the book of Psalms (worship songs to God) as we discover that worship might be bigger than we ever imagined. Maybe worship isn't just an anthem we sing, but an anthem we live, by worshiping **with all of creation**, worshiping to **remember what God has done**, worshiping **even when it's difficult**, and worshiping together because **we're God's family**.

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

We worship together because we're God's family.

THE BIBLE

Psalm 66:1-20; Acts 2:1-13, 23-47;
Colossians 3:16; Psalm 23

- What's something fun you love to do with your friends but would hate to do all alone?
- When have you most felt like part of a group?
- Do you think our church feels like a family? Why or why not?
- What kind of impact do you think worshiping as a community can have on someone's faith?
- Has worshiping as a community impacted your faith? If so, how?
- What do you think are the benefits of worshiping God alone? What are the benefits of worshiping in community?
- Read Psalm 23, imagining the psalm is written about you alone. Now read it again, imagining yourself as one of many sheep in your Shepherd's flock. How does that shift in perspective change how you see this psalm?
- Of all the types of psalms we've talked about, which is your favorite and why — psalms of creation, remembrance, lament, or celebration?
- There are lots of ways to worship God, but which ones are your favorites?
- This week, what's one way you can be more intentional about worshiping God with others?

ACTIVITY

As a group, make a commitment to contribute something meaningful to your community. Spend time in your discussion time or during the week praying about what God might have you do. Then outline a plan to implement it!