



# SERMON GUIDES

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## The Walk: Worship | WEEK #1

01.

### INTRODUCTION

We begin a new series based on a book by Adam Hamilton and focus today on "Worship". Read 1 Corinthians 54 – 58. What things strike you in particular? Now go through the first two questions to explore these scriptures more deeply. Then we will delve into the sermon message to share our understanding.

02.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In 1 Cor. 15:54b the words "Death has been swallowed up in victory.", have a reference to Isaiah 25:8.
  - a. Read Isaiah 25:7-8 and discuss why this message is important to us as believers in Christ?
  - b. What is the "shroud that enfolds all peoples" in verse 7 mean?
  - c. How does this help use celebrate the words in verse 8?
2. Pastor Gordon and his daughter read to us the words of 1 Cor. 15:55 beautifully, now read Hosea 13:14.
  - a. Why is important for us to understand links to our New Testament from the Old Testament? Read Hebrews 13:8 and discuss your answers.
3. Worship was defined how in the sermon?
4. How is God's love presented to us in our daily lives?
  - a. List the many ways you observe God's love?
  - b. List the ways God's love has touched you?
5. Which sports figure did Pastor Gordon refer to and state he admired in today's sermon?
6. Discuss what it means to admire Jesus?
  - a. Does reading John 3:16 help?
7. What is the difference between admiring Jesus and following Jesus?
  - a. Before discussing your answers read Romans 12:1.
8. How is community worship important and why do Christians do it?
9. How come Christians worship on Sunday and not the same day as Jewish people?



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10. As Christians Gordon mentioned we are to live and practice, what(?) - in our daily lives?
  - a. How do we show gratitude?
    - List as many as you can (hint: a list was share on screen in sermon)
11. What do we get in return for living a life of gratitude?
  - a. During this life and otherwise?
12. What else struck you in the sermon that help you gain perspective on following Jesus?
  - a. If you have identified something that you need clarification on or help with and it goes beyond your group, contact Pastor Josh or Mary-Katherine
13. In Psalm 150:6 mentioned in today's sermon, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." What do you envision or comprehend when you read those words?



## NEXT STEPS

1. Worship is our response to God's love,
2. Attend worship weekly,
3. Practice gratitude daily,
4. The last thing you do before going to sleep every day is to say this prayer, "Thank you God for everything, and I offer myself to you".