

WORSHIP THE LORD DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

PSALM 96

1 Isaiah 96:4-5 claims the uniqueness of God.

⚙️ *What are the things in your cultural context that threaten your loyalty to the one true living God and the uniqueness of Jesus Christ?*

⚙️ *Can you think of a Biblical case study of syncretism? What do you now recognize as subtle forms of syncretism in your own cultural context?*

🗨️ *How do you handle the challenge to be loyal to the uniqueness of Christ in the presence of other religions? We are called to bless, love and show compassion to all people (including those of other faiths) but how can we simultaneously love people and be loyal to the truth?*

2 Psalm 96 is a call to worship and a command to witness.

⚙️ *Are churches making a false dichotomy when they think of “doing worship” and “doing mission?”*

❤️ *How can we avoid talking about missions or worship as simply a program of the church?*

🗨️ *Without transforming all our public worship into “seeker-sensitive” mode, how should we strengthen the missional dimension of our church’s public worship (in the way we understand it and the way we do it)?*

3 John Piper begins *Let the Nations be Glad* by saying, “Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn’t. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man.” He adds, “The goal of missions is the gladness of the peoples in the greatness of God.”

⚙️ *What are your thoughts on the goal of missions?*

