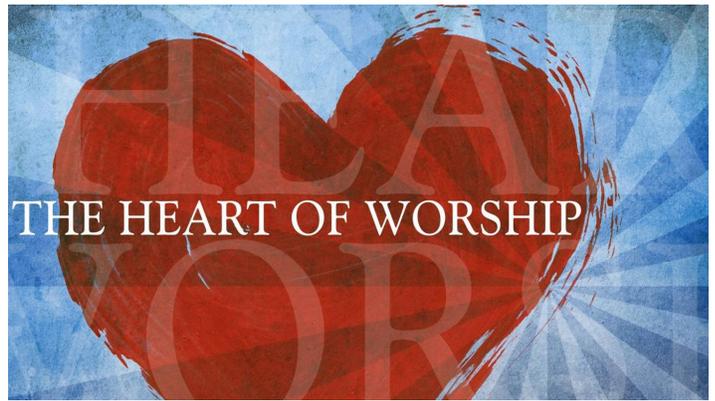


Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for August 3, 2019:
The Heart of Worship: It's All About...



For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with CGS Community or family

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **CONNECT** *with each other*
 - What is the funniest thing that has happened in worship?

- **GROW** *in Christ*

25 An argument developed between some of John's disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing. 26 They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan—the one you testified about—look, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him." 27 To this John replied, "A person can receive only what is given them from heaven. 28 You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.' 29 The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. 30 He must become greater; I must become less." **John 3:25-30**

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- What can be your biggest obstacle to attending church on the weekend?
- What do you think John's disciples wanted him to do about Jesus?
- In John's analogy, who is the bride and who is the bridegroom?
- What do the words *He must become greater; I must become less*, mean for your life?
- Discuss: *Happiness is good, it's the expansion of self. You win a victory, you get a promotion, your team wins the Super Bowl, you're happy. Joy is not the expansion of self, it's the dissolving of self.* - David Brooks

- **SERVE** *others*

Jesus said we would find Him in the needs of those around us. What might that mean for Him to become greater and you to become less?

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing.**