

INVITATION TO
IMAGINE

Invitation To Imagine Series

Small Group Material

Participant Guide

Part 2 - "The Hard Truth"

March 11th, 2018

Bottom Line: *Worship engages our heart, our mind and our body.*

Study Verses: *1 Corinthians 2:9-10, John 1:14-16, Hebrews 7:18-19, Isaiah 64:3-5, Isaiah 66:2-3*

Key Points

- *We are looking to understand what God reveals, not merely what we observe.*
- *Truth without grace crushes.*
- *When truth is misused, relationships change.*
- *To offer grace under the law destroys truth.*
- *Worship is evidence of understanding.*
- *The mind is given to awaken the heart.*
- *We engage our hearts by using our minds.*
- *Worship creates space for perspective.*
- *When we understand what we've received the response is to worship.*
- *We have to position ourselves to see differently or we're going to filter and edit and see through what we have always believed.*
- *Truth is required for grace to exist.*

ENCOUNTER

- Describe your picture: what would a god who is worthy of your worship look like? What about their character would compel you to worship and praise them?
- Throughout the years, how have you experienced the tension between grace and the law? How has this tension influenced your perspective of God?
- What does it mean that grace and truth make up the fullness of God's expression of love?
- How can thinking critically about God awaken our heart to worship? How does worship create space for perspective?

FORMATION

- Read 1 Corinthians 2:9-10. What is the difference between looking to understand what God reveals rather than what we merely observe?
- Read Isaiah 64:3-5 and Isaiah 66:2-3. In this passage a simple, yet profound question is asked: how then can we be saved? How have we attempted to answer this question by using our limited knowledge and understanding?
- Read John 1:14-16 and Hebrews 7:18-19. How did Jesus serve as a game changer when it came to understanding God's heart as well as our relationship to the law and grace? How did He usher in a new way of connecting to God?

EXPRESSION

- What situations are you facing where you need to worship to gain perspective? What would you be declaring by pausing and deciding to worship as a response to these circumstances?
- In what ways do you find yourself interacting with God based off the old law and it's "give and take," performance mindset? On the other end of the spectrum, where have you become loose with the truth and cheapened grace?
- When we understand what we've received (in Christ) the response is to worship. If this is the case, articulate exactly what you've received through what Christ did on the cross. How does it serve as the greatest expression of God's love?