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# GOD BEFRIENDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Leader, please make these available to your group.

## **WOMENS CHRISTMAS EVENT**

*This is a great opportunity to invite someone you know from work, your neighborhood, or family member to attend an elegant evening with a tremendous talent. If you haven't heard Anna Golden please look her up on Spotify. This concert event begins with assorted appetizers and dessert. Women's Ministry is going all out to create a beautiful space to socialize and celebrate the greatest gift of the season. Jesus. ADORE HIM begins at 6pm and tickets cost \$25. And MEN - we need help with volunteers. You'll find a sign up button on the same page.*



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Week 17 | The Friends Of God Worship God | Genesis 14:8-20

## THE GOSPEL ELIMINATES ALL BOUNDARIES IN OUR GIVING

I know we have the tendency to think that the instability of our times is unparalleled, but Abraham dealt with some crazy times too. Abraham had finally arrived at the land of promise, and as he was beginning to get himself settled, a geopolitical storm was brewing not far away that his nephew Lot would be swept into. Abraham chose to do the right thing, and against all odds, he set off to rescue his nephew, trusting that God would give Him the victory. That's exactly what God did. On his way back from the battle, he had an encounter with God and worshiped the Lord with his possessions. His worship was based on the revelation of God's worthiness and God's faithfulness. Those are two key reasons why your worship should be voluntary, worthy of His glory, and extravagant!

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



### PRAY (10 min)

As a Life Group, take time to share about how God has revealed to you that He is worthy of your worship. Share also about His faithfulness in your life.



### REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. Worship is a reflection of our estimation of God's worthiness. Of course, we know that we worship God in various ways, but as we do, we express how worthy we think He is.

**Describe the ways you worship God. Does the way you worship express His worth? How can you grow in this?**

**Abraham responds to God's worthiness and faithfulness by worshiping Him.**

2. When God reveals His worth and value to us, our perspective towards our possessions is altered. We become less possessive of our things and more generous to the cause of His kingdom. The wise men who worshiped Jesus probably thought, "What is gold, frankincense and myrrh compared to Christ?" It was easy for them to bring their offering because of who they were bringing it to.

**Do your possessions possess you, or do you hold them with open hands as an offering to God to use as He desires? Explain how you do that?**

**For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever.  
Amen**

**Romans 11:36**

3. The notorious woman that washed Jesus' feet with her tears and hair and Mary of Bethany's anointing of Jesus with oil were two extravagant examples of worship. In each situation, His faithfulness led to loving worship. While extravagance is relative to our circumstances, the gospel eliminates all boundaries to our giving since He gave it all, we give it all to Him.

**How does your life reflect that reality? Please describe. Are you open to the Holy Spirit spontaneously leading you to worship God through opportunities of generosity?**

**Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."**

**Luke 8:47**



## WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

### Matthew 5:20-21

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



## REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in an opportunity to worship God through giving/generosity. Trust when the Spirit leads you and take a step of faith.

**Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear how the Holy Spirit led you in an extravagant expression of worship to Jesus.**