THE WEIGHT OF WORSHIP

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INTRO:

A. Worship is an inherent duty of man

- 1. We are **created** to worship God. (Psalms 148:1-10)
- 2. We are **commanded** to worship God. (Psalms 149:1-3)

B. Worship brings delight to God

- 1. God takes delight in His **Creation**. (Psalms 104:1)
- 2. God takes delight in **Christ**. (Matthew 17:5; Isaiah 42:1)
- 3. God takes delight in the **Church**. (Psalms 149:4; 147:10-11)

C. Worship produce deliverance to God's people

- 1. Deliverance from our **personal** struggles. (Psalms 149:4-5)
- 2. Deliverance from our **external** struggles. (Psalms 149:7-8)

D. Worship is a <u>demonstration</u> of God's glory

- 1. God's glory is <u>removed</u> when we are not aligned to Him.
 - (Romans 3:23; 1 Samuel 4:21)
- 2. God's glory is <u>regained</u> when we worship Him wholeheartedly.
 - (2 Chronicles 7:1-2; 2 Corinthians 3:16-18)

CONCLUSION

TABLE TALK QUESTIONS

1.	Read Psalm 148 and Psalm 149. In what way both psalms are similar and distinct from each other? Being part of God's creation, in what way can our lives reflect adoration, reverence and worship to God?
2.	Read Psalm 104:1, Matthew 3:17; Isaiah 42:1; and Psalm 149:4. From these passages what brings God pleasure and delight? Knowing that along with Christ and Creation, we as God's people bring Him delight, how will our outlook change in the way we praise and worship God?
3.	Hebrew rhymes are written not in words that sound the same, but ideas that meant the same. Read Psalm 149:4-8 and carefully observe the meaning of the passage. What is the central theme of these verse? Have you been in a situation where you experienced God giving you a breakthrough, deliverance and victory as a direct result of worshipping God?
4.	Psalm 149:9 states that "glory" is experienced when God's people worship Him. How did we lose the glory of God in the first place (Romans 3:23 and 1 Samuel 4:21) and how can we find it again (2 Chronicles 7:1-2; 2 Corinthians 3:16-18)?
5.	Whether you are meeting in-person or virtually, close the Life Group session and sing "How Great is Our God" by Chris Tomlin. As worship includes giving a word of praise, thanksgiving and testimony, share some of the things you are thankful to God for what He has done in your life.