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Worship and Giving

Nehemiah 12:40-47

For Christ followers, worship can happen in more ways than we can even count, but genuine worship will always have two fundamental components to it: a heart that is _____ and a heart that is _____.

Discussion 1. If our hearts are supposed to be rejoicing when we worship, what intentional steps can you take to make sure your heart is in the right place for worship? Can you think of an example outside of gathered worship when a "sacrifice" might be considered an act of worship?

God's story among humanity is about Him shaping and forming us spiritually. When we worship God, we should rejoice in those _____ He has placed in our lives to form us and to point us toward Him.

Discussion 2. Why do you suppose we tend to take our spiritual leaders for granted? What is it about our culture that may make us prone to do that? What do you think the danger might be for us spiritually if we take our spiritual leaders for granted?

In the kingdom of God, there is a particular _____ in seeking to understand what came before us and in studying the ways God worked through His people in the past. How our ancestors worshipped should inform our understanding of worship today.

Discussion 3. Do you enjoy learning history? Why or why not? What about worship specifically...can you think of any ways your understanding of worship through history has impacted your worship today?

When God set up an economy for His people that included generosity and support for kingdom work, it contemplated more than an occasional offering here or there. It included an entire _____ that was both reliable and ongoing.

Discussion 4. When it comes to giving to ministry efforts, which do you think matters more to God: WHY we give or HOW MUCH we give? Explain your answer.