



## Small Group Notes

**Text:**  
**Psalm 27**

**Title:**  
**Abiding through worship**

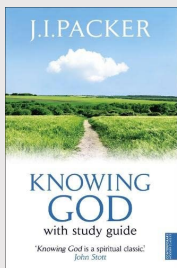
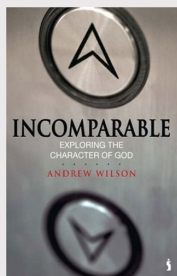
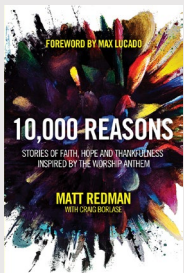
**Further scriptures:**

Philippians 4:8-9

Matthew 22:37

Romans 11:33-36

Revelation 4:8-11



Last Sunday we began thinking about what it means to abide through worship. We reflected upon how abiding through worship is about stopping to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and considered what the benefits of making this a regular practice are.

### Reflect

1. What most impacted you from the passage or from the preach?
2. What does worship look like in our lives currently? Do we spend time 'gazing upon the beauty of the Lord?' If not, what stops us doing this?
3. 'Worship orders our loves.' Reflect upon this statement. What do you understand by it?
4. How does worship change our perspective and help us step into reality?

### Respond

1. What things help stir your love and worship for Jesus? (Think about songs, scriptures, places, activities, music, poems, paintings). Share times when you have felt most connected with God in worship?
2. What things most compete for your love / worship? What are the potential idols in our lives? What are the 'worthless things' (Psalm 119:37) that we can be tempted to give our attention to more than Jesus?
3. What place does thanksgiving have in your life? Is it the gateway to delight in God? If you find it hard to be thankful, why is this?
4. What action are you going to take to make abiding through worship a regular practice in your life?

### Practice

1. Spend some time as a group worshipping together. Explore the use of different forms. E.g. Singing a song, listening to a piece of music, watching an excerpt from a preach, reflecting on a psalm, looking at a painting.

Whatever forms you use, take your time, don't rush, gaze! As you engage with God through each form, express your worship to him through thanksgiving and adoration.

2. Afterwards, take a few minutes to reflect on your experience of the practice? How did you find it? What was encouraging? What was hard?

### Further reading

Here a few great books if you want to dig a little deeper:

10,000 Reasons, *Matt Redman*

Incomparable, *Andrew Wilson*

Knowing God, *J.I. Packer*

None like Him, *Jen Wilkin*