

## Worship

Below are some tips for how to lead worship in your small group:

- Remember that worship is a time to center yourself away from worldly worries and toward Christ.
- Divide the group in half and have them read **responsively** a passage that you have chosen. The Psalms are great for this.
- Ask someone before the meeting to share a testimony of God's working in their life over the past week or so.
- Sing songs that are very familiar to everyone, ones that they know all the words. If you are going to teach a new song, take a good period of time to do so and then sing it through 3 or 4 times. **BE SURE TO PRINT OUT THE WORDS**. (*or tell everyone where to find them*)
- If you lack musical talent, then select a couple of songs from a couple different CD's and encourage everyone to sing along with the CD.
- Have people in the group who play an instrument bring it and lead you for the week.
- Open a group time with a response to God in silence giving them a verse or thought to meditate on.
- As you sing, encourage people to change their posture (kneeling, bowing, standing, etc.)
- Have time for people to write their own Psalm and read them out loud.
- Have people write down a name of God from Scripture that is meaningful to them right now and have them explain why it is meaningful at this particular time and pause and give Him glory for who He is.
- Have people draw a picture of what they think of when they hear a certain worship song.

### Other Worship Ideas....

- Have each student tell the group an attribute of God that has been especially meaningful to them and why. For example, "I really appreciate God's faithfulness to me because..." or "My favorite thing about God is..."
- The leader ahead of time, picks a topic and chooses verses on that topic. One verse for each member of the group and one for him/herself. Go around having each member of the group read the verse putting their own name in the verse. For example: "God's love for us" Choose Psalm 13:5-6, John 15:9, Romans 5:5. One of the group members, Mary, reads aloud Psalm 13:5-6 "But I, Mary, trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I, Mary, will sing to you Lord, for you have been good to me."
- Work in art or writing to challenge the group to find new ways to worship God.

Remember this is a great part of the meeting to begin to delegate. It gives people responsibility and responsibility will cause people to begin to own the group as their own.