

NE MN Synod Discipleship Challenge:
Love Like Jesus!
February Focus: Worship

The NE MN Synod faith practice focus for January is “*Worship.*” Below is a discussion guide that can be used in conjunction with the video teaser for “*Worship,*” which can be found on the Discipleship Challenge website at www.nemnsynod.org/Discipleship. The teaser videos are meant as humorous conversation starters...the real learning and growth takes place in your discussions that follow the video!

You are encouraged to use these questions in your homes, during coffee hour, at ministry meetings, wherever you have the opportunity to dwell on and discuss what it means for us as individuals and as a family of faith to **Love like Jesus!** The questions are arranged in a way that allows you to move deeper into the conversation as you feel comfortable. They need not be done all at once and there is no right or wrong answers. You have all month (and beyond!) to dwell on these questions. The point is to make room for some thoughtful and deliberate discussion.

And remember, our spiritual hunger to grow and deepen our faith has nothing to do with success, getting the “right” answer, or works. It’s all about living – fully living – into the grace of God as his children... as his disciples!

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel and for your willingness to grow in your discipleship to Christ our Lord!

For more information and resources on the Discipleship Challenge:

www.nemnsynod.org/Discipleship

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STARTERS TO GET THE CONVERSATION GOING: *(some of the following is taken and adapted from information on the NE MN Synod Practice Discipleship Learning Curriculum)*

When God established the Sabbath, it was to not only center and balance our own lives, but to also make space to align our souls and spirit with the creator of all things!

- **Why do you think it's important to worship together as a community of faith?**
- **What's the first thing that comes to mind when you think of worship?**
- **What is your favorite part of worship? What is your least? Discuss why**

WADING INTO DEEPER WATERS:

"O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Creator! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand." Psalm 95:6-7

"The universe is centered on neither the earth nor the sun. It is centered on God."

Alfred Noyes

- **Do you expect to meet God in worship? Why or why not. Can you discuss a time when this most clearly happened to you?**
- **How does whether you worship or not affect the rest of your week?**

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another."

Hebrews 10:24-25

"To worship the Holy Trinity is an art taught by the Holy Spirit. He uses various schools: the school of suffering, the school of experience, the school of knowledge. He uses people to teach this art, and one of them is you." Martin Luther King Jr.

- **Have you ever experienced in worship a sense of being surrounded by those who have gone before us? What was that like?**
- **Why is it helpful for us to remind each other how good it is to see each other in worship?**
- **How do you describe worship to others?**
- **When was the last time you invited someone to worship? What did that feel like to you? What was their response?**