

### Warm Up

- Tell your group some of your recollections of what worship was like for you as a child. What did you like and dislike?

### Read

Psalm 95:1-7a.

### Discuss

1. In summarizing the quote from C. S. Lewis, the author writes “We need each other, despite our differences. And worship is not about the quality of the performance but the heart of those who worship” (P. 174). How have differences within your worshiping community been a blessing to you? How would you describe the heart of your worshiping community?
2. In our current culture it is easy to become a worship consumer. What are the indications that you are more focused on critiquing worship than you are on critiquing your own heart?
3. In regard to Psalm 95, does it encourage or discourage you regarding your own worship experience? Why?
4. David’s narrative in the psalm is that God is a rock, Lord and King above all gods. What connection is there between David’s view of the good and beautiful God and his response in worship?

### Apply

- Consider reading/praying the passage from Psalm 95 above as you enter into the church auditorium as a way to prepare your heart for worship in the coming weeks. Ask God to help you regain a fresh attitude toward worship.

### Pray

- Pray Ephesians 1:17-19a for each member of your group.

All questions are adapted from *The Good and Beautiful Community* by James Bryan Smith, pages 225-228.  
Refer to these pages for additional questions.

