

BEING US!

Week 2: We Gather to Worship

CHECK-IN	What is your first memory of <i>the bridge</i> ?
BIG IDEA	Here at <i>the bridge</i> , we gather; we come together for the purpose of worship. In obedience to God's Word, we make it a priority to leave our individualism, and we come into a Christ-honouring community for the purpose of worshipping God.
DISCUSS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">In week one of the new series <i>Being Us</i>, Pastor Brian introduced us to our being a 5G church. Can you recall what the five Gs represent? Here's a hint... We _____ to center our lives around God. (Worship) We _____ to connect with other believers. (Fellowship) We _____ to cultivate spiritual maturity. (Discipleship) We _____ to contribute something back. (Ministry) We _____ to communicate God's love to the world. (Mission)The new series is based on the Book of Acts; a book that informs towards the norm for the church. Please read Acts 2:42–47. Do you see the 5 Gs in this text? How so?In this week's message, the following text inspires us in our worship—in meeting together to honour God and encourage each other. Read Hebrews 10:23–25. In reflecting on this text together, share with each other what we are encouraged to do, as Christ's church.



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APPLY

How do we respond to God's teaching in meaningful ways? What might God ask of us in mind, spirit, or actions?

1. How would you finish this sentence? Worship is... (what is worship?).
2. Think of a person(s) in your church community who is currently experiencing a challenging situation. What resource could you give to let them know they are not alone and that they are loved (ie. social, financial, time...)?
3. What area of the church family can you partner up with to support growth in the body of Christ?
4. Finally, in reviewing Sunday's message, what are some of the ways we have been encouraged to worship God as we gather together? What aspect of our worship have you found personally and particularly impactful?

PRAYER PRACTICE (15 minutes)

For the starting week of LifeGroup, our prayer focus is "ACTS Prayer". We start this week with A for Adoration.

ACTS PRAYER: PRAYING IN ADORATION

When we focus on God, we focus less on ourselves. In our lows and in our highs, we need to shift our focus on the One who is in charge, the King of our lives, our almighty God. Our problems diminish when we lift up praise to the Most High, our Father.

There is power when we speak to God, out loud. Take some time to tell the Lord what He means to you, to adore Him.

"I love You, Lord. Jesus, You are beautiful. You are on the throne of my life. You are my King. I worship You, and You alone. You are filled with love, grace, and mercy. You are worthy of my praise, You are worthy of my time. You are the protector of my heart and of my life. Thank you."

Start to express adoration using your own words, dancing, songs of praise. **Psalms 8:1** —*"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. You have set Your glory above the heavens."*