



PLEASANT HILLS
COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Week of Sunday, September 19

*Questions with asterisks are meant to be answered by everyone in the group.
Leave enough time for prayer at the end of your time together.*

If you were unable to review the [Small Group Covenant](#) last week, be sure to do so this week.

Icebreaker

****What is your favorite day of the week, and why?***

Questions for the Sermon Series, *Royal Imperfection: Week 2 (Worship)*

Read 2 Samuel, Chapter 6 to provide the context for the discussion questions that follow.

1. Pastor Mark opened the sermon with a story about a bank manager who emphasized the importance of experience gained through bad decisions and good decisions. Can you give an example of when you learned from a *bad* decision? How about a *good* decision?
2. As you hear 2 Samuel 6 again, do you have any initial comment, questions, or concerns about the passage?
3. This story puts on full-display **God's glory** and **our appropriate response to God's glory**. As a group, discuss how aspects of this passage reveal these concepts. Consider:
 - a. The incident with Uzzah and the ark (God's glory/our response)
 - b. David's entrance into Jerusalem in front of the ark (God's glory/our response)
 - c. Michal's response to David's dancing (God's glory/our response)
 - d. Any other aspects that seem significant?
4. Pastor Mark asked, "When we gather for worship, do we remember the goodness of God in our lives?" Can you remember a moment (in church or out of church) where you experienced God's glory or presence in a genuine, personal way?

5. What *helps* you enter into a genuine worship experience?
6. What *hinders* you from entering into a genuine worship experience? Or, what causes you to “drift” in the midst of worship?
7. “During a worship service, you are not the audience. You are the players, and God is the audience... worship is *not* a spectator sport!” How does this perspective alter or affirm your understanding of a worship service?
8. *This next question is meant to be convicting in a healthy way, not judgmental in an unhealthy way.* Beyond any other activity in our lives, worship is an all-encompassing, eternal activity. How does your weekly calendar reveal where **worship** lands on your list of priorities?
9. How can you begin to develop a lifestyle of personal worship -- not just weekly, but daily?

Take prayer requests and close in prayer. Allow time for small group members to pray aloud.