

A GOOD BEGINNING

Ice breaker Game:

Make sure that the members of the group are sitting comfortably. Now ask them to lift their right feet off the floor and make clockwise circles and, while doing this, ask them to draw the number '6' in the air with their right hands. Their feet will change direction and there's nothing they can do about it! I'm told you that you can't outsmart your feet!

Can anyone recite by memory the first sentence in the Bible?

“In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth” Gen 1:1

Can anyone recite the first sentence of Johns Gospel.?

“In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God”

Jn 1:1

When God called his people out of Egypt they didn't know him. This was their introduction to God...

Exodus 20:18-19

18 *When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance* **19** *and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die."*

2 Chronicles 6

30 then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Forgive, and deal with each man according to all he does, since you know his heart (for you alone know the hearts of men), 31 so that they will fear you and walk in your ways all the time they live in the land you gave our fathers.

Why would God present himself this way?

- **God was establishing his identity !**
- **Teaching them respect and reverence and awe.**
- **They needed to understand how “awesome” he is first**
- **If they could see his greatness they would worship and praise him!**

When Nehemiah called the people to return to Jerusalem, he Malachi and Ezra also called the people back to GOD, to worship and praise him!

*Ezra **praised** the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and **worshiped** the LORD with their faces to the ground. **Nehemiah 8:6***

- **What makes you want to worship God?**
- **Why is worship so important?**

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- **What stops or ruins our worship?**
- **What are some places we can go or things we can do to enhance our worship?**

[go to beach, mountain top, Parks]

- **Where are some great worship places in SD?**

[Mt Soledad, Cabrillo point, any beach, Mt. Helix, Balboa park, La Jola Cliffs]

- **What did you get out of last week's sermon on worship?**
- **What changes are needed to improve your worship?**

Reminder:

★ This week lets arrive on time 9:45 am) to prepare for worship

★ No talking during singing and communion

★ Lets sing with purpose and focus!

Dare: Close out this small group in prayer and a song

Homework:

1) Plan a worship field trip with just the men together and just the women together

final thoughts...

"If you are not as close to God as you used to be, who moved?" [Unknown](#)