

**Community—A Worshiping Community**  
**Study Questions**  
**Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:17-20**

**Warm-up**

**1) When was the last time you shared exciting news?**

**When was the last time you shared unhappy news?**

**In each case, who did you share it with?**

**A little deeper**

**2) [Colossians 3:16]** Consider that worship has to do with who God is in our lives and where He is on our list of priorities. **What are some different forms that worship can take?**

**3) [Colossians 3:15-17]** This fuller passage is addressing where our focus should be as a community of believers. **What are important characteristics of a vibrant community of believers? What should our worship look and feel like?**

**4) [Ephesians 5:17-18]** Our minds and hearts should not be vacant but filled—not filled with earthly pursuits like pleasure or power, but filled with the Spirit. **What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit? How do we “get filled” with the Spirit—consider this question both from an individual perspective, and as of a community of believers.**

**5) [Ephesians 5:18-20]** Thankfulness and song have come up in both of our study passages. **Why is thankfulness important in any discussion about worship?**

**Why do you think music and song are so closely associated with worship?**

**Bringing it home**

**6)** Think about the last few times you participated in some sort of worship activity. **In what state were your mind and heart during recent times of worship? For example, was your heart overflowing with thankfulness, or were you mostly just going through the motions?**

**7)** How much time and energy do you spend focusing on God in the context of community? **Does it seem to be about the right amount?**

**If it isn't the right amount of time or energy, what steps could you take to worship God in community more?**

**Prayer**

**8)** Spend some time now to pour out thanks to God and give Him praise as a small-group community. **Ask Him to open your eyes to other opportunities to worship Him together with other followers of Jesus.**