

Introduction

Worship is a central part of our identity – gathering and celebrating as the community of God’s people. In this guide, we have provided worship resources that correspond with the three sessions in the Group Study Guide. The central theme is “When Did We See You?” based on Matthew 25:31–46. The sub-themes and corresponding scriptures for the sessions are “See and Be Seen” (Psalm 139), “Know and Be Known” (Luke 24:13–35), and “Bless and Be Blessed” (Psalm 23 and John 10:1–16). Each session includes an opening worship service and a closing worship gathering that you are invited to reference and make your own.

Each of these worship services can be adapted to a variety of settings, whether it is a local congregation, camp setting, conference center, or even a public park. In our Presbyterian and Reformed tradition, we affirm that worship should be in the language of the people participating and accessible to their understanding and experience. So, we encourage you to approach this guide with that in mind. When it comes to things like the suggested music, we are mindful that you know your group better than we do. There may be favorite songs that fit in better than the songs we have listed, and we hope you play those instead!

Short video reflections that correspond with each session are available on the Presbyterian Youth Triennium website. These feature three different preachers, Rev. CeCe Armstrong, Rev. Peggy Jean “PJ” Craig, and Rev. Jerry Cannon. Also available on the website is a video and instructions for a Movement Prayer that we offer you as a Response to God’s Word, as well as a Spotify playlist of the suggested music. Again, please keep in mind that this resource should be used with great flexibility and in ways that best fit your own context and setting. It is our hope and prayer that this guide will aid and enhance your community’s experience together. May you be blessed as you gather in Christ’s name and may you “see” Christ among even the “least of these.”

And they will say, “Lord, when did we see you?” Matthew 25:44

