INTRO

- When you hear the word worship, what comes to mind? Has your understanding of worship changed over time?

READ

Ps 98:1-9

REFLECT & RESPOND

Worship is our response to who God is and what he has done. It shapes us as individuals and as a community, and the declarations we make together are meant to travel with us into everyday life.

Q: Psalm 98 gives us a reason to worship before it gives us an invitation to sing. What does the psalm identify about God's character and actions? How might remembering these things change the way we approach worship?

Psalm 98 begins with a reason to sing: God has acted. He has demonstrated his salvation, love and faithfulness.

Q: "Sing what you know." Why is it important that our worship is rooted in biblical truth rather than simply our emotions or musical preferences? What helps you engage meaningfully when you don't necessarily feel like worshipping?

Our worship is not dependent on how we feel or how well life is going. It flows from remembering who God is and what he has done.

The psalm then calls the whole earth to respond with joyful praise. Worship engages our minds, hearts and voices. It is also something we do together.

Q: Read Colossians 3:16. It describes singing as something that helps us teach and encourage one another. How does this change the way you think about worshipping together on Sundays? What might it look like to participate in worship for the sake of others, not just yourself?

As we sing biblical truth, we remind one another of God's character and faithfulness. What we declare on Sunday is meant to shape how we live on Monday.

Q: Where in your everyday life do you need to carry the truth of God's faithfulness, salvation or presence? How could our group help one another live this out?

Put It Into Practice…

Choose one truth about God's character or something he has done, and make it part of your daily worship this week. Share it with someone in your group and encourage one another to carry that truth into your everyday lives.

PRAY

- **Remember:** Ask God to help you recognise and remember his goodness, faithfulness and saving work, especially in difficult seasons.
- **Grow together:** Pray that Sunday worship would strengthen our faith and encourage us to build one another up through the truths we sing.
- **Live it out:** Ask the Holy Spirit to help you carry the declarations of worship into your homes, workplaces, studies and relationships, making Jesus known through the way you live.