



## MONDAY QUIET TIME DEVOTION

**Note to Leaders:**

*Please take a few minutes to make copies of this first camp quiet time for everyone in your group. We have found that students who have done a quiet time prior to arriving at camp are more prepared for the week ahead. We have also found that giving the devotion to students during the drive to Caswell – first thing as they begin the trip, right after lunch or about 30 minutes prior to arrival – begins their preparation for the awesome week ahead. If on the way is not possible, please make time once you arrive at Caswell for students to read the devotion before they attend evening worship in Hatch. Thanks for your help in this matter, and we look forward to seeing you soon!*

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**Defining:** Who/What determines worth?

**Refining:** Scripture

**Revelation 4:11** — “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will, they were created and have their being.” (NIV)

**Genesis 1:1** — “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” (NIV)

**Reflecting:** According to Dictionary.com the word “worth,” as an adjective, is equivalent in value to the sum or item specified. “Check out those Yeezys. They are worth \$350.” Who really decides worth? Is a pair of “kicks” truly worth \$350? Who set the price? Who determines worth? If something has worth, it should be backed by something else to give it value. Is a dollar really worth a dollar? What’s a dollar worth? 100 pennies? 10 dimes? 20 nickels? 4 quarters?

Determining worth can be a very tricky situation — especially monetary worth, but money is not the only way of measuring worth. As a matter of fact, worth is multidimensional. Let’s examine several sentences using the word “worth.” *That was worth the wait.* Here, you have to know what the “that” is to know whether or not it was in fact worth the wait. This sentence also has no monetary value. So how do you know what worth is? Next sentence: *Whatever the case, it certainly wasn’t worth arguing about.* In this sentence, worth is associated with cause and effect. No book is worth reading that does not make you better or wiser. In this sentence, worth is associated with time and effort, knowledge and the object of a book. *Camp was worth the trip.* What made it worth the trip? How do you define worth here? As you can see, worth is a very simple yet complicated word. As we begin our week, the one thought that should be a constant for you is: **God defines worth, creates worth and is worthy.**

Of the two Scriptures for today, one comes from the first book of the Bible, and one comes from the last. Genesis 1:1 says, “In the beginning God...” From this point forward, the entire text of the Bible is about God, His creation, His love for us and His son Jesus Christ. Jesus even tells us, “I am the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega” (Revelation 22:13). Genesis tells us God created, and Revelation tells us He is worthy.

**Reacting:**

1. Rewrite Genesis 1:1 in your own words.
2. Reread Revelation 4:11 and write down what that Scripture means to you.
3. Define “worth” in your words.
4. Define “worthy” in your own words.
5. Is God worth receiving glory, honor and power? Why or why not?

**Listening:** Dear God, as I listen for You this week, open my heart to feel what You are saying to me. Open my ears so that I might hear You and allow me to be bold enough to do something about it. Lord, help me take the distractions of friends, family, technology, social media and even myself out of the way so that I can hear You speak to me this week. Lord, I know I am not worthy, but You are worthy of all glory, praise, and honor. In Jesus’ name, amen.

**Sharing:** Your goal this evening is to share with two people (one youth group leader and a fellow youth group member) what makes God worthy of praise. This evening you will receive a penny. On this penny I want you to write your name or initials.

**Do not lose this penny!** This penny is valuable.