

Worship in Spirit and Truth
1. Why Is Worship So Important?
John 4:20-24

How can Jesus say that both Samaritans and Jews worship? (v.22)

It because everyone worships something.

Worship means seeking and experiencing and expressing ultimate pleasure in something.

So everyone worships something — but that doesn't make our worship right.

Jesus says the Samaritans' worship was wrong —

What was wrong with the Samaritans' worship? (v.22)

The problem was that they had turned from the truth of the One true God — and were worshipping something that was not God.

The Bible says this is what we have all done — because of our sin.

So how does God respond?

What did God do? (v.23)

God seeks people to worship Him.

That word "seeks" can mean "seeks to find" or "seeks to create."

What makes most sense is that God seeks to create worshipers.

This is what happens when God saves us — He creates us into worshipers.

So God's purpose is to create worshipers who worship Him.

Why is God so passionate about creating worshipers who worship Him?

One reason is because God is love.

The most loving thing God can do for us is to change us so we delight to worship Him.

This is God's purpose for everything He does — to create worshipers who worship Him.

And that's why worship is so important.

So — become a worshiper of God in Jesus Christ — and devote your life to being a worshiper of God in Jesus Christ.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through these Scriptures?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Does it make sense to you that everyone worships something? Why or why not?

Do you agree that worship means seeking, experiencing, and expressing your ultimate pleasure in something? Why or why not?

Before Sunday's teaching, how important was your worship of God? Does it feel more important now? Why?

What are some ways you can be more devoted to worship?

What is God calling you to do because of this Scripture?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

