

## **Worship in Spirit and Truth**

### **3. How Can I Worship In Truth?**

#### **John 4:20-24**

#### **What does it mean to worship in truth?**

Jesus says the Samaritans were NOT worshipping in truth — because they did not know the truth God — they had rejected what God revealed of Himself through the Jews (v.22).

The reason we can worship in truth is because God has revealed Himself to us — through Israel, supremely through Jesus Christ — all as recorded in God's Word, the Bible.

So we don't need to wonder who God is. God has clearly revealed Himself to us.

So for worship to be true it must be in sync with what God has revealed of Himself through Israel, supremely through Jesus, all of which is recorded in God's Word the Bible.

#### **How does truth help our worship?**

Galatians 3:5 teaches that God will provide the Spirit (who gives us powerful worship) as we hear God's Word with faith.

So if we want more of the Spirit in worship — we need more of God's Word in worship.

You can see an example of this in Psalm 95:1-5 — vv.1-2 invite us into a powerful experience of worshipping God — and vv.3-5 give us the truth which will bring about that worship.

So if we want to powerfully experience God in worship — we need to focus on the truth of God's Word.

#### **How can we worship in truth?**

Study God's Word on your own.

As you worship, pray for the Spirit to give you wisdom and heart-revelation of the truth of God's Word.

As you worship, set your heart on the truth of who God is.



## **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?

Have you ever wondered how we can be sure WE are worshiping the One, True God — and others are not? Did it help to be reminded that God has revealed Himself to us clearly through Israel, through Jesus — all as recorded in the Bible? Why or why not?

Does it make sense that truth is necessary for worship? Why or why not?

Do you agree that — all else being equal — the more truth of God we have — the more powerful our worship will be? Why or why not?

How might we do better in making truth part of worship?

What holds you back from growing in your knowledge of God's Word? How might that be overcome?

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.

