

Week of October 20, 2019
Discussion Questions – John 4

INTRODUCTION

Jesus tells us that worship should be in “spirit and in truth.” Let’s do a deep dive into this concept and more as we explore the nature of worship.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read John 4:4-8. Jesus publicly visited with this Samaritan woman. Due to her race, gender, lifestyle and likely occupation, she was largely ignored by society and viewed as unimportant. Does experiencing difficult times like this lady, typically make you more or less open to God’s leading in your life?

2. Read John 4:9-10. Sometimes people start serving Christ before they become a follower of Christ. Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?

3. What lead you to start serving Christ, or at least to start to learn more about Him? Was it intentional?

4. Read John 4:16-20. Jesus wants to address some unhealthy patterns in this woman’s life. Yet, when his words hit too close to home, she pivots the conversation toward something less personal and more abstract. Why is it often our natural reaction to change the focus if God draws his attention to an unhealthy or self-destructive habit in our life?

5. What’s one of the most painful or sensitive areas God has dealt (or is dealing) with you about? What made it so difficult for you?

6. Read John 4:23-24. What’s worse... to worship God with lots of sincerity but no truth (no facts, wrong information), or to worship God with truth (good theology, good teaching) but no spirit (no passion, no sincerity)? How can both extremes be dangerous?

7. What’s the bigger temptation for you: to ignore biblical truth in worship (“I know the Bible says this but...”) or to lack passion and sincerity in worship (blind repetition, going through the motions)?

MOVING FORWARD

Let’s take our answer to question #7 and close the study time praying for each other that God would help us with our unique temptation related to worship.