



SMALL GROUPS | CURRICULUM

SERMON TITLE	DATE
Title: Made For More: Passionately Pursuing God Through Worship	September 24 2016

Tools: pen, pencils, your notes from the sermon
Read: John 4:16-26

Who were the Samaritans and where was Samaria?

What kind of life did the Samaritan woman have?

Jesus pursued her because He wanted her to see that she was made for so much more! In this lesson we learn what true worship is. The word translated worship; worshiper is used 10 times in these verses. The word worship, worshiper, means to bow down to the ground, to humble oneself, to submit, respect, pay homage, give all affection to God. Therefore we want to identify a true worshiper.

Pastor Kevin gave us: **4 Commitments of True Worshipers**

1. A True Worshiper Confronts His Sin (v.16 – 18).

A. What was the woman's sin that Jesus first question alludes to?

B. Discuss why confronting our sin places us in the path of God's grace?

2. A True Worshiper Doesn't Make Excuses (v.19 – 20).

A. Does the women's current topic of conversation seem strange in light of the immediate context? What is very probable that the women was doing?

B. Why is her question ironic, based on what we know about worshipping Jesus? Where did Jesus take the conversation in the following verses? When you find yourself having conversations that seem to be religious and empty, where must you take the conversation?

3. A True Worshiper Gives God Every Thing (v. 21 – 24).

Notice: Jesus is about to change the nature of worship here in John 4. Worship is no longer the physical act of bowing down and sacrificing in a place “the temple”, but will be in spirit and in truth, giving God everything not just the physical, but rather anyplace, anytime!

A. Read: Ephesians (v. 2:18 – 22), Psalms (v.24: 1-4) What do you learn about worship in these verses?

Notice: True worshipers worship with eyes Psalms 23: 1 – 2, hands 63:4, by bowing down, kneeling psalms 95:6, standing 135:1 – 2; soul 25:1, by song 96:1, silence 62:1, body Romans 12:1 heart/soul Matthew 22:37 with reverence and awe Hebrews 12:28 – 29.

B. Think through your day. What areas of your life are void of worship?

4. True Worshipers Focus on Christ (v. 25 – 26)

A. Read: Hebrews 1:3 and Philippians 2:11. What do these verses tell us about the result of worship?

B. This woman shared Christ with others. In worshipping Christ we bring glory to God the Father. Share a recent experience of sharing Christ with others.

MEMORY VERSE:

John 4:24 “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth”

ACCOUNTABILITY MEN/WOMEN:

- a. How is your surrendered heart to God evidenced by how you live?
- b. What do you need to do in order to have a more surrendered heart?
- c. Discuss why you are thankful for the image Jesus restored?
- d. How is this lesson going to change the way you are going to worship Jesus?