

Water of Life Community Church
WHY DO WE DO CHURCH?
WEEK 4: WORSHIPING WITH OTHERS
JOHN 4:19-26

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

While the Samaritan woman questioned Jesus about the proper place people of God should worship, Jesus seized this opportunity to teach us a far more important lesson on worship. Worshiping God in spirit means we are consumed. Worshiping in truth means we are convinced. Why are we consumed and convinced? We are consumed because He is consumed with love for us. We are convinced that everything comes from Him. We are consumed with adopting His perspective on life. And we are convinced that worshiping Him refills our tank.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ JOHN 4:19-24.

- a. Based on what you know about the Samaritan woman Jesus encountered at the well (John 4:1-18), why do you think she changed the conversation to focus on a religious controversy?
- b. What was the issue the woman raised? How does this passage relate to our discussion of worship?
- c. How did Jesus describe true worship? What role does Jesus have in the true worship of God?
- d. What does it look like to worship God “in spirit” (see John 3:3-8; John 1:12-13)? Is it possible to worship God without the Holy Spirit? Why or why not?
- e. What does it look like to worship God “in truth” (see Ecclesiastes 5:1-3)?
- f. How do you prepare your heart for worship?

2. READ JOHN 4:25-26.

- a. How does the reality that Jesus is your Messiah impact your worship?
 - b. What are some ways we can fight to keep the work of Christ our first priority in worship?
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PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- What does your daily worship time look like?

RESPOND

- Do one act of worship this week that you don't normally do. (serving, lifting your hands in song, etc.)

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MEMORY VERSE

Romans 12:1, New Living Translation (NLT)

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

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