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# “LET’S GO BIBLE”

// SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE //

## WORSHIP IS SPIRIT

SERIES | “ALL OF ME”

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We begin this worship series by looking at the story of the woman at the well. The mere fact that Jesus took the time to speak with her was a surprise to all who witnessed the interaction. What was meant to be an opportunity to demean her, was actually her moment of deliverance. Although there were gender and religious differences, Jesus saw this as a moment to minister and change her life. The encounter opened the door for this Samaritan Woman to not only have a true relationship with God, but to evangelize and encourage others to do the same, in Spirit and in truth.

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Worship means “to kiss, give honor, homage, reverence, respect, adoration, praise, or glory to a superior being.” “Worth-ship.”

### **WORSHIP IS INITIATED BY GOD.**

- Praise is seeking God and creating an atmosphere for His presence. Worship is being found by Him.
- Worship is an attitude that derives from a truth you’ve discovered.
- Worship is your response to your revelation (you can’t worship without revelation).

*What has God revealed to you in worship? How did you respond to the revelation?*

### **THE PLACE - THE WELL**

*John 4:4-6 NIV - Now he had to go through Samaria. [5] So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. [6] **Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well.***

- A well is a place of promise & provision (supply)
- A well represents an opportunity!
- A well may appear small in size – yet, it is connected to a vast underground supply. There is more than meets the eye.

*“Those who drink the water must remember those who dug the well.” - Unknown*

### **THE WELL WAS A PLACE TO QUENCH YOUR THIRST**

- The well is where you go to get filled. Your thirst is fulfilled at the well.
- In order to receive what the well has, you must put in work.
- Often times other things we are looking for, even those things we work for, are not necessarily at the well.
- Jesus always meets you at the place of your need.

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- Several men met their future spouses at wells
  - Abraham's servant stopped at a well and met Rebekah there (Genesis 24:10-27).
  - Jacob met Rachel at a well where she came to water her father Laban's flock of sheep (Genesis 29:1-11).
  - Moses, too, met his future wife, Zipporah, at a well when she came with her sisters to water their father's flock (Exodus 2:15-22).

*During your time at the well, what thirst was quenched by the presence of the Lord? What relationship was built at the well?*

## ALONE - ONE ON ONE ENCOUNTER

### THE PERSON - THE WOMAN

*John 4:7-9 NIV - When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" [8] (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) [9] The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)*

- Samaritans were a race of people that the Jews utterly despised as having no claim on their God. The woman was an outcast and looked down upon by her own people.
- You must position yourself in a place of no distractions so that you can release and receive at the place of your greatest need.
- God will ask for something you really want to keep.

## THE DISTINCT DIFFERENCES

### RELIGIOUS

- The woman herself observes. (4:9)
- Jews considered Samaritans to be unclean, half-breed and "do not associate with Samaritans." (4.9b)

### GENDER

- In that culture men didn't usually initiate a conversation with women they didn't know.
- "His disciples ... were surprised to find him talking with a woman." (4:27)

*Jesus will use your DIFFERENCES for your DELIVERANCE.*

*John 4:17-18 NIV - "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. [18] The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."*

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- The Samaritan Woman had **five husbands** and was **living with a sixth**.
- Jesus didn't judge, but gave her what she was really looking for. He knows everything about you and still wants you. What distinguishes you from others qualifies you.
- Jesus brought up her past to build a relationship.

*In your personal time with God, what has He shown you about yourself? What unique thing about you has God used as a weapon of ministry? How do you use it to glorify God?*

*John 4:13-14 NIV - Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, [14] but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

- Water is essential to life. All living things need water to survive.
- A person can live for about a month without food but only about a week without water.
- Jesus, the source of Living Water, extends an invitation to all who thirst. Water is the Spirit of God.

*John 4:15 NIV - The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."*

- God is saying "WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS EXTERNAL, BUT WHAT I HAVE IS ETERNAL."
- We're created to worship. If we don't worship God we will worship something else.

*What issues have you been trying to resolve with external solutions? Who or what have you allowed to replace God in worship?*

## THE PURPOSE - WORSHIP

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- We were created to worship and owe God our true, authentic worship.

*Do you worship God authentically or how do you see others worship? Where does your worship come from - your heart or other influences?*

## THE WAY WE WORSHIP

### WORSHIP HIM

- Worship belongs to God. It's the only thing the Father seeks.
- Worship is personal (between you and God).

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**IN SPIRIT** - True worship must be "in spirit" - that is engaging the whole heart.

- Unless there's a real passion for God, there is no spirit.
- Worship of God is not to be confined to a single geographical location. It's not just the songs you sing or the places you attend, but the person you become. *Your life is worship.*

**AND TRUTH** - Worship must be "in truth," that is, properly informed. Unless we have knowledge of the God we worship, there is no worship in truth.

- Spirit without truth leads to a shallow, overly emotional experience.
- Truth without spirit can result in a dry, passionless encounter.
- We need both, Spirit and truth. Worshiping God with one and not the other is unbalanced.
- Worship is *your response to your revelation*. The more we know about God, the more we appreciate Him. The more we appreciate God, the deeper our worship is.

*What does your worship experience look, feel and sound like? How do you know you are worshiping in both Spirit and truth?*

*Worship with your heart and your head and God's Spirit will ignite and energize your spirit.*

## **YOUR WORSHIP IS A WITNESS**

*John 4:28-30 NIV - [28] Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, [29] "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" [30] They came out of the town and made their way toward him.*

- Until you have witnessed you haven't worshiped.

*Who has God called you to witness to? Have you made your worship public so that others can see the goodness of God?*

## **PRAYER**

*Lord, like the woman at the well, You see my mess ups, You know my flaws, and You still love and want me. Thank You for meeting me where I was looking for the right thing in the wrong place. When I was desperately searching for external solutions, You offered me an eternal one. Because of the Living Water You have given me, I am able to worship You in Spirit and in truth. You are deserving of all of my worship. In Jesus' name, Amen!*