

Small Group Questions 07.17.16  
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Wired: Worshiper God Seeks

**LOOKING BACK:** Last Sunday Pastor Dale told a story about 3 teenagers from Hubbard Wisconsin, who traveled to neighboring city, Neda. The boys went to explore old mine tunnels that have been closed since 1918. While in the caverns for a few hours they began their trek out, they got lost inside. The Parents began to worry, and soon a search party was in place. The tunnels which are now used for the study of bats, more that 100,000 of them, and without light to the point of pitch black, both the boys and families became overwhelmed with fear. The community banded together, the search started late and lasted all night. Multiple fire departments, police departments, and many other organizations form and less than a day, they found the boys safe without injury. With fear of the possibility that the end result could have been tragically different, they were willing to search until they found what they were looking for.

1. Think of a time when you were whole-heartedly committed to seeking something out—when no matter what it took you were willing to find what you were looking for. What was it that made you passionate about going after that one thing? Have you ever felt that way about worshipping God?

God is not indifferent to the way we worship. He is engaged in that process and willing to meet Us where we are in order to allow Us to worship. In John 4, we see Jesus engaging in a conversation with a Samaritan woman. The Women was confused because Multiple laws are being broken—but Jesus does not care so long as he can engage this woman. 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 are, in Jewish terms, half-breeds. They are people that worship Yahweh, but they have added in worship of other gods as well (2 Kings 17:33, "They worshiped the Lord, but also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought."

2. What is a true worshiper? - 2a. Dales answer: a worshiper whose expression of adoration begins in the core of their being

**TAKING IT HOME:** You can worship ANYTIME, ANYWHERE v. 21 "Woman," Jesus replied, 'believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. [Not the answer she was expecting] You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

Pastor Dale Spoke about the feeling of excitement when he was approved for is first mortgage loan with Joanie. He spoke about where he was and how he couldn't contain his excitement, it naturally overflowed through dancing and shouting.

3. Why do you think it's so easy to get into the rhythm of only worshipping in a designated church building on Sundays? How do you think we break that pattern in order to worship God on a daily basis?