

Sermon Discussion Questions

Worship: The Worshipers God Is Seeking – Wes Parker
4 January 2026
Sermon Text: John 4:5-25

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20-30 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week, in his message entitled **The Worshipers God Is Seeking**, Pastor Wes Parker begins a new series on Worship. What is biblical worship? How should it shape the way we live, work, love, and follow Jesus beyond Sundays? If you've ever limited worship to a song set, this message will change your perspective and call you into a deeper level of worship with God. Let's dive in and find out more.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. What is something that stood out to you from the message this week?
2. From the message, what is the big deal about Jesus asking a Samaritan woman for water? What are some of the cultural and spiritual reasons why this turned things upside down? What are some implications for how we should engage with people?
3. What was Jesus telling the woman in verses 21-24? For the Jews (and Samaritans) did it matter where they worshiped? What is different with what Jesus is telling this woman?
4. What does it mean to worship in spirit and in truth?
5. God's purpose for us is to become worshipers. What is a worshiper? How do we become worshipers?
6. **Proskuneo** (Greek): To prostrate oneself before and to adore in reverence. To kiss the hands or feet, symbolizing total submission and adoration.

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. Did you make any New Year's resolutions? What are they?
2. Did you participate in any special New Year's celebration?
3. What is the best thing that happened to you over the holiday season?

Worship: Comes from the Old English term, Worthship. It means to give something of worth – to demonstratively attribute value to a deity or God. In the Bible, worship means acknowledging God's supreme worth through reverence, honor, adoration, and obedience.

How does this line up with your understanding of worship, or how you actually worship?

7. **Truths About Worship:**

- a. Worship Transforms the Worshiper
- b. Worship Is More Than Time We Spend Together

Take a few moments and break down and talk about what each of these truths mean. What do they mean for how we worship?

APPLICATION

Worship is to God. Worship is for God. Worship is about God. Take some time this week to reflect on how you worship. How does your worship measure up? Are there areas where you need to improve? Share with your small group about what came to mind as you reflected on how you worship.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can also be found in all three locations.

Heart of the House, 20 & 27 January, 6:30-8:30 pm, New Wine Church Building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO. This 2-week class covers our Four Pillars and the core values we hold dear. Dinner is provided on both nights. Childcare will be provided for kids 3 months to 5th Grade. You register for both nights at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+5kq3wkz>

Healing Through Encounter, 23 January, 7:00 pm, New Wine Church Building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO. Come join us for a night at the church building where we sit in God's presence and wait for Him to do what He wants to do. It will be a time of worship, prayer and experiencing God's presence. Childcare will be provided for children age 5 and younger. You can register for childcare at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+np4q43g>

The Call – Men's Breakfast, 24 January, 9:00-11:00 am, New Wine Church Building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO. Men are invited to The Call – Men's Breakfast, a special gathering for men to connect, grow, and be refreshed. There will be powerful ministry, heartfelt prayer, and an inspiring devotion to encourage you in your walk. And don't worry about breakfast—food will be provided, so come hungry and ready for fellowship. Don't miss this opportunity to recharge and strengthen your faith alongside other men! See you there!

Selah Saturday, 31 January, 9:00-11:00 am, New Wine Church Building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO. These once-a-quarter Women's gatherings are an intentional time to share a brunch-style meal together and will include worship, a short devotional-style message, prayer, and, most of all, a time to build community! Come join us, bring a friend and a brunch dish to share!

FINAL THOUGHT

Worshipers never leave church. We carry our sanctuary with us.