

SERMON STUDY



REFLECT

1. What do you enjoy about our Sunday gatherings?
2. Are there areas in which you find it difficult to participate? Why?

ENCOUNTER

When Jesus met the woman at the well, he upended everything in her life. She went from empty to full and from outsider to friend. Jesus explained to her that true worship was no longer tied to a place but to a person. Jesus said, “God is spirit and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth.” God cares about worship. Worship must be true. And worship cannot not be manufactured – it must be Spirit fueled.

Paul was passionate about right worship in church gatherings. Throughout his letters, Paul explained to churches what it means to truly love God’s presence. He occasionally corrected churches when they strayed.

3. Briefly look at the following passages to learn what should be included in our worship. Discuss any other observations you have along the way.

2 Timothy 4:1-2

1 Timothy 4:13

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Colossians 3:16-17

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

1 Corinthians 11:23-26w

Matthew 28:19 (see also Colossians 2:11-12)

TRANSFORM

4. Our worship in the presence of God is only possible because of the cross, and we should only worship the way God tells us to. What practices of “worship” should we avoid as we love God’s presence?
5. How does worshipping together on Sundays set the tone for worshipping at home and work during the rest of your week?

PRAYER REQUESTS

*“You cannot find excellent corporate worship until you stop trying to find excellent corporate worship and pursue God himself.”
~ D.A. Carson, *Worship By the Book* ~*