

SERMON OUTLINE John 4:1-30

Worship in Spirit and Truth

FALSE WORSHIPERS

False Worship Is Tied to a Place (21-23)

False Worship Is Tied to Ignorance (22)

SOUGHT BY GOD (23)

TRUE WORSHIPERS

Salvation Is from the Jews (22)

The Nature of True Worship Changes Forever at the Cross (23)

True Worship Is in Spirit and Truth (23-24)

TRUE WORSHIP SPREADS (28-30)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

This is a passage about true worship and the keys to understanding worship, according to this passage, are that (1) false worship is natural apart from salvation, (2) God is seeking true worshipers, (3) true worshipers worship in spirit and truth, and (4) true worship spreads.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Have you ever considered the connection between salvation and worship? Are they related in any meaningful or significant way, and if so, how? How would you put what Pastor Dave said about the relationship into your own words?
3. Can you think of any examples of how thinking about what something isn't is helpful for understanding what it is?
4. What kinds of "false worship" have you encountered in yourself and others? How did you know it was false worship?
5. Have you ever felt like you needed to be in a certain place to worship (church, concert, nature, quiet time spot, etc)?
6. Have you sincerely believed something about God that you later realized was false? What do you think God thinks about that?
7. Had you ever thought about the uniqueness of God seeking something (it's always good and He always gets it)? What does this mean about true worshipers?
8. If someone asked you to explain true worship, what would you tell them? How does this passage help you?
9. Does it seem arrogant or wrongly exclusive to say that "salvation is from the Jews"?
10. What does it mean to worship in spirit and truth? Have you ever done so?
11. When is the last time you were so amazed by the glory of God that you had to share it with someone?
12. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

13. Read the entire Bible over and over so you can learn what true worship is. Get a reading plan.
14. Ask a mature Christian if they see any false worship in you.
15. Set aside regular time to worship God in spirit and truth this week (quiet times, family worship, DG, church, etc.).
16. Try your best to study and explain the relationship between the OT commands and the NT commands.
17. Share the gospel with someone this week out of an overflow of a time of worship.
18. Try to artistically capture the woman at the well as she told her people about Jesus.
19. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

20. Adoration. Praise God for being worthy of all worship. Praise God for being perfect in all His plans. Praise God for loving the world in such a way as to bring salvation and restore worship. Praise God for being spirit and truth.
21. Confess. Confess any false worship. Confess any worship not done in spirit and truth. Confess any boredom or indifference to worship. Confess any reluctance to spread worship. Confess any apathy to the Word of God.
22. Thanksgiving. Thank God for saving you and restoring worship in you. Thank God for the people in your life who shared their worship with you. Thank God for a church (any anyone in particular) that wants to help you worship in spirit and truth.
23. Supplication. Ask God to heal the hurting and open their eyes to His salvation and worship. Ask God to strengthen our missionaries who are working to spread worship to the ends of the earth. Ask God to fill our church with true worship.