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Part I - WORSHIP - How Do We Get Closer to God? John 4:19-24

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1. INTRODUCTION

- A. *Our purpose is: to love and lead all people to **life change** in Christ.*
- B. *Romans 8:29 "For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers." (NIV)*
- C. We have taken what the Bible teaches about our spiritual growth and simplified it into four key steps.
 - 1. **Worship** – vertical – How do we get closer to God?
 - 2. **Connect** – horizontal – How do we grow spiritually together?
 - 3. **Serve** – How do we fulfill God's command for us to serve Him and each other?
 - 4. **Share** – How do we be a part of Christ's great goal in the world?

2. **EVERYBODY** WORSHIPS.

- A. Worship is what every person on this **planet** does.
- B. The word worship means to give **ultimate** worth to something.

- C. *Romans 1:18-25* “For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²⁵ They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.” (NIV)
- D. *Matthew 16:24* “Then Jesus said to His followers, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.” (NIV)

3. JESUS **CHANGED** WORSHIP FOREVER FOR CHRIST FOLLOWERS.

- A. *John 4:19-20* “Sir, you must be a prophet. ²⁰ So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?”
- B. *John 4:21, 23-24* “Jesus replied, “Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²³ But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. ²⁴ For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.” (NLT)
- C. It isn’t about the building where you worship God; it is about **how** you worship God.
- D. *1 Corinthians 3:16* “Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s **temple** and that God’s Spirit lives in you?” (NIV)
- E. When you leave this place you take God with you. You are His **temple**.
- F. You are a **worship** service. Every day.
- G. *Romans 12:1* “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.” (NIV)
- H. Worship is about how we express our love for God in our **praise** and adoration. It’s how we honor who He is and what He has done for us.
- I. *Colossians 3.16* “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the **Lord.**”
- J. The greatest way we worship is by how we **live**.
- K. *John 4:24* “For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.” (NLT)

1. We are to worship God in Spirit meaning when we come to worship God, God hears us when we worship Him with a **clean heart** and with a right spirit.
 2. We are to worship God in Truth meaning that can't make up God to be who we want Him to be. God is who He says He is. We have to come to Him on His terms. We have to worship Him **in Truth**.
- L. *Hebrews 10:25 "Don't avoid worshipping **together** as some do but spur each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching."*
- M. God told us that part of our expression of worship is to be **together**, not separate. He told us we need each other. In this room, as we worship together, we encourage each other, we spur each other on.

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