
GENUINE WORSHIP

STUDY NOTES FOR CARE GROUPS – SERIES: WORSHIP

The following are resource questions that you can use with your Care Group for discussion. They are based on the sermon preached on Sunday, October 18, 2009, by Pastor Arnold Wong at the Grace Baptist Church, Singapore. The sermon is available at <http://www.gracebap.org.sg/worship/series.html>.

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Read through John 4:19-24

- 1.** What was significant about Christ meeting this woman at the well?
- 2.** How did Jesus treat her? Why is this significant? How should you and I treat those who are not of the same faith as we are, i.e. should we avoid them, ignore them?
- 3.** What kinds of questions did she ask the Lord? How do people who have questions about the faith question us? What are some of the common questions you have heard, when you tried to share your faith? What are some of the answers that you give? What is the main point you try to get across to them about your faith?
- 4.** When we say, “...we worship God” who is the God that we worship? Where do we find anything about Him? When people say they worship, “god”, can they be worshipping a different God than you are? What difference does it make?
- 5.** When Jesus used the term “...in spirit”, what did He mean? When the Bible speaks of “spirit” it often means the “heart”. What kind of heart do you think pleases God? See Psalms 57:7-11; 51:15-17; 139:23-24 and 13:5-6.

6. What are the different ways you express joy and thanksgiving to God for how He has blessed you? How do you express yourself when you are beseeching God to help you with something? When you do what you do, does it bring you joy? Does it bring you closer to the Lord?

7. If and when we express ourselves to the Lord in whatever way, what does the principle in 1 Corinthians 10:31-33 teach us about our actions? Should our actions attract or distract others from worshipping and focusing on God?

8. What did Christ mean when He said, "...in truth"? For the believer, what is "truth"? See Psalm 119:160; John 14:6. God's Word is truth and all that Christ revealed about God is truth. How important is it that we balance our experience with the truth of God's Word? Why?

9. What is your greatest personal challenge to worshipping God the way He wants you to worship Him? Why? What are you trying to do about it?

10. What are the greatest challenges facing the GBC church family as it strives to worship God the way God wants? Why? How can you help?