

WORSHIP in SPIRIT and in TRUTH

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John 4:19-26 and Rev. 4:8-11; 5:8-10 — INTRODUCTION:

Core Value #4: We are called to minister in three dimensions: to God, to one another, and to the world. The first and foremost is actually worship, and it is to be expressed to God in everything we do. At times, we will express worship alone or in the congregational setting, with singing, clapping, and other forms of audible praise. All are to be directed toward God, and for His worthiness alone. _____

I. The PERCEPTION of WORSHIP vv. 19-21a

A. Jesus never goes back to the issue of adultery... _____

B. Verse 21 turns her attention from WHERE to HOW. In other words, it is not the L_____ that makes an act of worship authentic. _____

What really matters is:

II. The PERSON of WORSHIP, vv. 22-ff

"...you worship what you do not know; we worship what we know..."

A. Verse 22 introduces the question of WHOM to worship _____

B. So Jesus takes the woman from the questions of WHERE and HOW to the real issue, "WHO" to worship _____

Then He continues...

III. The PURPOSE of WORSHIP, v. 3 sums it all up with the

key phrase, *"in spirit and in truth ..."*

A. We're to worship in SPIRIT _____

B. We're to worship in TRUTH _____

But let's go on to

IV. The PRACTICE of WORSHIP, for this we go to the Book of Revelation, and its magnificent portrayal of worship around the throne of God, particularly in Rev. 4:8-11 and 5:8-10...

A. Notice the inseparable nature of SPIRIT and TRUTH in the WORDS of WORSHIP conveyed in these great expressions _____

B. We are committed as a church and we need to be as individuals to strive to be worshipers who worship someone we know, and worship in spirit and in truth! _____

CONCLUSION: Let's conclude this morning with a time of worship, and purposely without music, to give us greater understanding.