

John 4:23-24 (September 24, 2023)
“Worship”

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ John 4:23-24

1. “Both Jews and Samaritans had their sacred mountains. Mount Gerizim and Mount Zion (Jerusalem) both held a sacred history that anchored the religious identities of their people. They provided a means for each group to consolidate itself, to identify itself over against others, to gain religious prestige, and to enjoy assurance that “on *this* mountain” God is rightly worshiped and heard.” (The NIV Application Commentary – John p. 163 by Gary M. Burge)

Read John 4:19-25 regarding Jesus’ conversation with a Samaritan woman. What change is Jesus implying in His statement, “...the hour is coming when neither one this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father” (1 Corinthians 3:16-17; Ephesians 2:19-22)?

2. Who are the “true worshipers” to which Jesus refers and how does one become a “true worshiper” (John 3:5; 4:23-24; 6:63)? Do you consider yourself to be a true worshiper? If so, share how you became a true worshiper.

3. Look up the definition of worship and discuss the findings and how it is evident in the visions recorded in Isaiah 6:1-5 and Revelation 4:8-11.

4. Through what means has God revealed Himself to us according to:

Psalm 19:1-4; Romans 1:19-20

John 14:9; Colossians 1:15

Luke 24:27; 2 Timothy 3:16

What is your response to what God has revealed to you about Himself in each of these ways?

5. What has been your experience of worship both corporately and privately?

6. Can you share from personal experience how your worship is impacted when you prepare for worship versus when you worship without preparation? Discuss suggestions of what might help one prepare for worship.