

Community Group Discussion Guide
Week 10 – The One We Worship
John 4:19-26

June 23, 2013

Read John 4:1-26 and then answer the following questions.

Questions for Study

Introduction

The Gospel of John provides the most comprehensive and penetrating answer to the central question of history... Who is Jesus Christ?

The answer to this question, as I see it, isn't a flat, one dimensional answer. There are many dimensions to who Jesus is. It's in understanding each one that we understand who he is, and what this means for us.

1. Describe what you remember about your earliest experience of worshipping God.
2. As you look back on those first years of experiencing worship, what did you find helpful in drawing you closer to God and what was more counterproductive toward your spiritual growth?
3. What do you find most meaningful in your present experience of worship together with our church body?
4. Spend some time reflecting on what you know about worship in religions other than Christianity. What are some practices that are unique to those religions?
5. What do we learn about worship from other parts of scripture? Two examples: What did God say about worship through the OT prophet Isaiah? What do we learn about worship from the Psalms?
6. Why do you think the woman Jesus talked with by the well said what she did about worship (she was actually asking him a question) after he revealed that he knew she had been married five times and was now living with a man? If you don't see any connection, what other reason do you think motivated her to say what she said?
7. Put in your own words what Jesus said in response to her question. What do we learn about worship from what he said?
8. Jesus clearly puts the responsibility for the worship God desires on each one of us. How do you live this out in your worship?
9. If you're a parent, how would you teach your children what Jesus teaches us about worship in this passage?