

Spiritual Discipline: Worship

John 4:20-24 New English Translation (NET)

23 But a time is coming—and now is here—when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such people to be his worshipers. 24 God is spirit, and the people who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

1. How would you describe worship and its impact in your life?
2. Is there a difference between having a worship service and worshipping? If so, what is the difference?
3. What are some things in your life that may become a distraction and get in the way of your worship of God? Is idolatry still a problem in today's culture?
4. Read the story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4:1-42.
 - a. What contextual information helps us to better understand the story (i.e., rivalry between Jews and the Samaritans, Jesus' crossing social boundaries of his day, theological issues between Jews and Samaritans, etc.)?
 - b. What did Jesus mean in vs. 23 when he said, “a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth”?
 - c. How can we worship in spirit and in truth today?
5. What are some practices you can employ to prepare your heart and mind for FC's worship services on Sunday mornings? What should we do when we come to a worship service and we don't feel like worshipping (due to fatigue, distraction, pain, sin, etc.)?
6. Outside of formal worship services, what are some ways that you can practice the spiritual discipline of worship this week?