WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

Memory Verse

"...they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship Him in spirit and truth." John 4:23-24

"Worship is offering all that we are to a Holy God: it is an intentional response of praise, thanksgiving and adoration to God." Sally Morganthaller

NOT ALL WORSHIP IS TRUE WORSHIP

- 1. True worship focuses on **PERSON** not **PLACE**
 - "Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is Jerusalem." John 4:20
- 2. True worship is about *RELATIONSHIP*, not rules and rituals
- 3. True worship implies there could be FALSE WORSHIP
 - * Isaiah 29:13
 - * SINCERITY is not enough

OUR FATHER SEEKS AND DESIRES TRUE WORSHIPERS

"...they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks"

John 4:23

We move toward True Worship when...

1. We reject **STRONGHOLDS OF TRADITION**

"Our fathers worshiped on this mountain..." John 4:20

Mark 7:1-8

"...true worshipers worship the Father in spirit and in truth." John 4:24

2. We recognize Jesus as THE CHRIST / OUR SAVIOR

"I know that Messiah is coming. When He comes he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus said 'I who speak to you am he". John 4:25-26

3. We repent of OUR SIN

John 4:16-18 "Go, and call your husband back"

Isaiah 6:5

Luke 5:8

4. We relay the **STORY**

"Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman's testimony."

John 4:39

Isaiah 6:8-9 "Here I am, send me"

"The reason missions exist is because worship does not"

5. We refuse to compromise the **SIGNIFICANCE OF WORSHIP**

"...His worshipers must worship Him in spirit and in truth"

Three times John uses "must"

John 3:3 You must be born again

John 3:14 The Son of Man must be lifted up

John 4:24 His worshipers must worship Him...

WHAT MUST WE DO AS TRUE WORSHIPERS?

- 1. **GUARD** your heart (Proverbs 4:23)
- 2. **PREPARE** your heart (Psalm 24)
- 3. **GOD'S WORD** takes priority (Psalm 119:105)
- 4. **RELATIONSHIP** with our Father