



LifeGroup Discussion Questions

Satisfying the Need for Worship | January 16, 2022

Summary

Our modern world was supposed to eliminate the need for God but instead it has magnified our need for God. Our need for God is manifested in our desire to worship the infinite.

Scripture

Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.” He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?”

Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.”

“But sir, you don’t have a rope or a bucket,” she said, “and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? And besides, do you think you’re greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?”

Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”

“Please, sir,” the woman said, “give me this water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again, and I won’t have to come here to get water.”

“Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her.

“I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied.

Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband—for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!”

"Sir," the woman said, "you must be a prophet. So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?"

Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." —John 4:7-24 (NLT)

Let's Start

Have you ever discovered that something you own is worth a lot more than you thought?

Gratitude and Prayer

How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

Let's Talk

1. Why do you think church attendance is at an all-time low?
2. What does "worship" mean to you?
3. Pastor Dale shared this principle: "God doesn't want your worship because He needs it; He wants it but because you need it!" Why do we need to worship?
4. What do you learn about worship from the John 4 passage?
5. What does it mean to worship "in spirit and in truth"?
6. How does pride affect worship?
7. How can we prepare ourselves to enter before God at church or in our quiet time?

Let's Act

1. Slow down and choose 15 minutes every morning and evening to begin worshipping God.
2. Approach God with a gaze on His glory and grace. (Meditate on the following verses about God's glory and grace.)
3. Join Pastor Dale next weekend for three very important principles to further your worship experience of God!

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. -1 Chronicles 29:11 (NLT)

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. -Psalm 19:1 (NLT)

Praise his glorious name forever! Let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and amen!
-Psalm 72:19 (NLT)

So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.
-John 1:14 (NLT)

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.
-1 Corinthians 10:31 (NLT)

For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. -2 Corinthians 4:6 (NLT)

All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. -2 Corinthians 4:15 (NLT)

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. -Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)
