

## Why We Worship

September 12–13, 2020  
Weekend Service

### I. Worship is a Testimony of Belief (*Woman at the Well*)

**John 4:19–24** (NIV) <sup>19</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

<sup>21</sup> “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”.

#### Observations:

- 1) The place is \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) What we know and \_\_\_\_\_ is essential
- 3) We must worship in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Don't just go through the motions.)
- 4) We must worship in \_\_\_\_\_  
(In John's Gospel, Jesus is the truth.)

### II. We Worship the One Who Saves Us

**Psalms 95:6-7** (NIV) <sup>6</sup> Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; <sup>7</sup> for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care...

**Genesis 22:5** (NIV) <sup>5</sup> He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. **We will worship** and then we will come back to you.”

**Exodus 3:12** (NIV) <sup>12</sup> And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, **you will worship God** on this mountain.”

### III. Worship Can Be Difficult

1) *God sends Moses to Pharaoh for the people to go worship*

**Exodus 7:16** (NIV) <sup>16</sup> Then say to him, “The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, **so that they may worship me** in the wilderness. But until now you have not listened.

2) *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego choose to only worship God*

**Daniel 3:12** (NIV) <sup>12</sup> But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. **They neither serve your gods nor worship the image** of gold you have set up.”

3) *The Three Magi came to see Jesus and worship Him*

**Matthew 2:1-2** (NIV) <sup>1</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? **We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.**”

4) *The Early Church at Antioch as our example*

**Acts 13:2-3** (NIV) <sup>2</sup> **While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting**, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” <sup>3</sup> So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

### IV. The Fruit of Being United with God in Worship

**Galatians 5:22–24** (NIV) <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

#### This Week's Bible Readings (*Use the TCND App if you want to listen*):

- Sat Rest  Sun Catch Up; Isa 36-41  Mon Acts 8:1-25; Isa 42-44  
 Tue Acts 8:26-40; Isa 45-48  Wed Acts 9:1-19; Isa 49-53  
 Thur Acts 9:20-31; Isa 54-58  Fri Acts 9:32-42; Isa 59-63  Sat Rest