

## STUDY GUIDE FOR BIBLE STUDY LESSON ON TRUE WORSHIP

Majority of the lesson will come from JOHN 4: 1-26

**QUESTION: SUMMARIZE THIS PERICOPE INTO ONE WORD THE CONTEXT OF THESE SCRIPTURES?**

**4** When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, <sup>2</sup> (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,) <sup>3</sup> He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee. <sup>4</sup> And he must needs go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup> There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. <sup>8</sup> (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) <sup>9</sup> Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

a. **QUESTION: Why is that the church see more physically than spiritually?**

b. **QUESTION: Why is this a problem?**

1. Looking at this from our point on worship. We know the passage is contextually dealing with \_\_\_\_\_

2. WHAT THE Point:

3. So remember this \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ go hand in hand.

**<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of GOD, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. <sup>11</sup> The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? <sup>12</sup> Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?**

1. WHAT IS HER FOCUS ON IN THESE VERSES?

2. QUESTION: what's the gift of GOD?

3. QUESTION: How do we know the gift of GOD?

4. EXEGETE SAMARIA'S HISTORY

5. QUESTION: What is LIVING WATER AND ITS US?

6. SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE: JEREMIAH 2:13 FOR MY PEOPLE HAVE COMMITTED TWO EVILS; THEY HAVE FORSAKEN ME THE FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATER, AND HEWED THEM OUT CISTERNS BROKEN CISTERNS, THAT CAN HOLD NO WATER

7. WHAT IS THE SYMBOLISM FOR LIVING WATER?

8. Notice verse 12 – **QUESTION: What the problem here?**

9. **QUESTION:** does entitlement make one a true worshipper?

**<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: <sup>14</sup> But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**

1. **QUESTION: WHAT WAS GOING TO BE GIVEN?**

2. **QUESTION: WHY is this significant in our worship today?**

**<sup>15</sup> The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.**

1. WHATS THE POINT HERE?

**<sup>16</sup> Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. <sup>17</sup> The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: <sup>18</sup> For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.**

1. **QUESTION: WHAT WAS HER PROBLEM?**

2. **HOW WOULD THIS AFFECT ONES WORSHIP?**

**<sup>19</sup> The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.**

1. **Pls see this: when CHRIST told her who she was and her current situation, she deflects.**

a. In order to be a TRUE WORSHIPPER she will have to deal with the

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**<sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. <sup>21</sup> Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour cometh, and**

now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. <sup>24</sup> GOD is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. <sup>25</sup> The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. <sup>26</sup> Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

Focusing on verses 20 -24

1. **QUESTION: What was the woman's thoughts on who worships right in verse 20?**
2. **QUESTION: Is there a right place to worship GOD?**

Here's where exegesis comes to play – Samaritans and Jews do not like one another even though they are blood related. SO what she does is deflect from her situation of fornication. She brings up something that the two sides have been arguing for years.

TWO THINGS WE WILL FOCUS HERE:

**QUESTION does GOD require a location for us to worship HIM? If so, why?**  
THINK ABOUT OLD TESTAMENT AND NEW TESTAMENT (SCRIPTURE SUPPORT)

1. **Ephesians 2:21 NLT - 21 We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.**
2. **1 Peter 2:5 - 5 And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.**

The text says The hours is coming and now is

ANSWER: SO \_\_\_\_\_ WE WORSHIP IS SECONDARY BUT  
\_\_\_\_\_ **AND** \_\_\_\_\_ **IS PRIMARY**

QUESTION: What is worship?

QUESTION: What is a true worshipper?

**QUESTION: What happens when we worship?**

Let's look at the worship experience of one of GOD's prophets recorded in Isaiah 6: 1-8 - ***In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke (v.1-4).***

1. First, TRUE worship takes us to a point where we look upward.
2. Second, TRUE worship expresses that we are looking inwardly.
  - a. *"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for" (v. 5-7).*
3. **QUESTION: WHAT IS VAIN WORSHIP?**
4. VAIN WORSHIP - We have to make a distinction between true worship and vain worship. JESUS made a distinction of vain worship in ***Matthew 15:8-9: "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me."***
5. Look at the last part of ***verse 9 using the NLT - for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.***
  - i. WORSHIP we see started inwardly and manifested itself outwardly. Notice that Isaiah's 6:8.
    1. *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (v. 8)*
    - ii. Genuine worship always leads to an outward look of how I can be more affective for GOD<sup>23</sup> But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. <sup>24</sup> GOD is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

SO to be TRUE WORSHIPPER WE MUST Worship Within Our Hearts

1. **QUESTION in that 23rd verses what is spirit? And what is truth?**
2. REF GENESIS 22 we read of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac to the Lord.
3. REF: The story of the woman with the alabaster box in **LUKE 7: 36-50**

4. REF The most powerful example of worship in the Bible IN **LUKE 22:42**
- b. **So if worship begins in our hearts we must Thinking Rightly**

**REF HEBREWS 13: 15-16**

**Heart of Worship - ROMANS 12:1** "I appeal to you, therefore, brothers, by the mercies of GOD, present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, which is your spiritual service of worship." So all of our bodily life done in love for other and in reliance upon GOD display the worth of GOD above all things and make us worshipers in our daily life.