

John 4:20-26 The Samaritan woman and Jesus discuss worship.

“Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am *He*.”

1. WHERE DO WE WORSHIP?

In church? We can worship God anywhere, everywhere.

2. WHO OR WHAT DO WE WORSHIP?

Our idols? TV, iPads, iPhones, books, food? Or God.

In [Luke 4:8](#) Jesus says: “It is written, ““You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.””

3. WHEN DO WE WORSHIP? On Sundays? Every day. Always.

The gospel spread to Samaria:

[Acts 8:5-8](#)

⁵ Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there. ⁶ When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid close attention to what he said. ⁷ For with shrieks, impure spirits came out of many, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was great joy in that city.

[Acts 8:14-16](#)

¹⁴ When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. ¹⁵ When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

4. HOW DO WE WORSHIP?

[Isaiah 29:13](#)

13 The Lord says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.”

So, How do we worship? By singing and playing musical instruments? Meaningless words, boring songs? No, worship should be a lifestyle of holiness. We must try to worship God “in spirit and in truth”, humbly offering up our bodies as a living sacrifice:

[Romans 12:1](#)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

[Hebrews 13:15](#)

Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

5. WHY DO WE WORSHIP?

- We are reminded of who we are (God's chosen people)
- We remember the story (what God has done for us)
- We are empowered by the Holy Spirit (we need to be filled constantly)
- Worship moulds our experiences, which we can then share with our fellow believers

6. WHAT DOES WORSHIP MEAN TO YOU?

So, think about your worship life as you listen to the song: The Heart of Worship