

Creating a True Worshiper

Signs of Life

Trying to Connect

- God is interested in creating worshipers
- William Temple: “To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purify the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God.”

The Scandal of Worship

- John 4:16 (ESV) — 16 Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”
- John 4:17 (ESV) — 17 The woman answered him, “I have no husband.”...

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- John 4:17–18 (ESV) — 17 ... Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”

Changing the Subject

- John 4:19–20 (ESV) — 19 The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”

False Worship

- John 4:21 (ESV) — 21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.”
 - Not the place
 - Our bodies become the true temple

False Worship

- Not in ignorance
- John 4:22 (ESV) — 22 “You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.”

True Worship

- John 4:23–24 (ESV) — 23 “But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

True Worship

- In spirit
- In truth

True Worship

- “The fuel of worship is a true vision of the greatness of God; the fire that makes the fuel burn white hot is the quickening of the Holy Spirit; the furnace made alive and warm by the flame of truth is our renewed spirit; and the resulting heat of our affections is powerful worship, pushing its way out in confessions, longing, acclamations, tears, songs, shouts, bowed heads, lifted hands, and obedient lives.” (John Piper)

True Worship

- Its object
- John 4:25–26 (ESV) — 25 The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” 26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

