"Why We Worship"

John 4:15-26

Overview:

Every church across America opens their worship services with songs of worship and praise. Have you ever wondered why? Is it merely ritual? Or is there something about worship that is wired into us? Are there certain components to worship that God expects? If so, what and why?

**Observation**

1. What is specifically said between Jesus and the woman? Summarize the details of their conversation in your own words.

2. What are some important details you noticed?

3. What do verses 23-24 say about worship that we specifically should take note of?

**Interpretation**

1. What is significant about what Jesus says about worship in verse 21?

2. What is meant by “true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth,” and what does it mean to worship in spirit and truth?

3. What do we learn about rightly directed worship, spoken of in verses 20-24, from the woman’s response referencing the coming Messiah in verse 25?

4. What is a definition of worship we can build from these verses… i.e., what is true worship? Build this definition from what is said in these verses.

**Observation**

1. It’s clear from verse 21 that worship isn’t locational but rather relational. How can we/you grow in your worship of the Lord, and what are some practical steps you can take to accomplish this?

2. How can we/you grow in your ability to worship “in spirit and truth?”

3. How has your understanding of worship been expanded in studying these verses, and how will this understanding impact your worldview?