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## ***The Nature of Acceptable Worship***

John 4:19-30  
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### **I. The Place of Worship (vv. 19-21)**

A. Don't change the \_\_\_\_\_ when God is exposing your sin  
(vv. 19-20)

B. Don't become \_\_\_\_\_ with the trivial when you  
need what is monumental (v. 21)

### **II. The Person of Worship (vv. 22-26)**

A. You can't worship what you don't \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 22)

B. You must worship God in \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 23-24)

C. You must worship \_\_\_\_\_ for who He is (vv. 25-26)

### **III. The Point of Worship (vv. 27-30)**

A. To be \_\_\_\_\_ at the work of the Savior (v. 27)

B. To be a \_\_\_\_\_ to the world (vv. 28-30)

C. To be \_\_\_\_\_ with the living water of Christ (vv. 13-14)

### **TAKE HOME**

- Is your worship \_\_\_\_\_ to God?
- Do you tend to \_\_\_\_\_ more in spirit or in truth?
- Are you worshipping in a way that is \_\_\_\_\_ to those around you?

## **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. What is worship? How can we move away from worshiping things or preferences to worshiping God in the way He desires to be worshiped?

2. Read John 4:19-20. Have you ever been guilty of changing the subject when someone was bearing down on your sin? Why is this our tendency? How can God help us change this habit?

3. Read Gen. 12:6-7 and Deut. 11:29. Why did the Samaritans believe that Mt. Gerizim was the place to worship? Now look at 2 Chron. 6:6; Ps. 48:1-2; 78:68-69; 132:13. Where do these verses tell us to worship?

4. Now read John 4:21-22. Who was right? The Samaritans or the Jews? But what is Jesus pointing out to this woman? Why is that important?

5. Read John 4:23-24. What does it mean to worship God in spirit and in truth? Discuss how you can do this on a daily basis and not just at church on Sunday.

6. Read John 4:25-26. What does the woman know? How does she know about the Messiah? What does Jesus tell her? What is the significance of the “I am” statement?

7. Read John 4:27-30. What impact did this conversation have on the woman at the well? What did she do? How can we learn from her example?

8. Which one of the take home questions challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How can your worship be more acceptable in God’s sight based on this passage?

*“Without worship, we go about miserable.”*

- A. W. Tozer