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## "Worshipping In Spirit and Truth"

John 4:19-26

Memory Verse: John 4:24

### Introduction

#### A. Background

1. Samaritans were descendants of the former Kingdom of Israel who inter-married with Assyrians.
2. Jews and Samaritans did not like each other.
3. Their hatred for each other led the Samaritans to have their own temple, Pentateuch, and they avoided worshiping in the temple in Jerusalem.
4. Jews avoided passing through Samaria as much as possible.

- B. Big Idea: The New Testament church will be identified by a worship that is done in spirit and truth.

### I. What is spiritual worship?

- A. One aspect of spiritual worship is that it is a byproduct of love for God and His law.

1. Romans 12:1
2. Romans 5:7-8
3. John 14:15

- B. Another aspect of spiritual worship is that it cannot be seen.

1. Truth and Grace Catechism, Book 1, Question 9: Who is God? God is a spirit and does not have a body like men.
2. John 4:24 \*Memory Verse\*

- C. A third and final aspect of spiritual worship is that it can be done everywhere.

1. John 4:21
2. 1 Peter 2:5

### II. What is truthful worship?

- A. Our worship must conform to the revelation of God in Scripture.

1. John 4:22
2. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- B. Our hearts need boundaries. Worship cannot just be what we feel.

3. Jeremiah 17:9

### Application

- A. Are you worshiping in spirit, or is your worship cold and void of any emotion?

B. Do you know God's word well enough to set boundaries for your heart and your emotions?

- C. Who is the object of your worship?

### Gospel Definition

