

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

The Pathway: Experience

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1. Refer to the devotional "What If?" Which of the four questions stood out to you and why? The questions were about 1) preparation for corporate worship, 2) focusing on God's glory or being distracted by your preferences, 3) analyzing the sermon or learning from it, and 4) serving to build up the body or for another reason.
2. Refer to the devotional "Mensy and Yousy – How They Found Jesus." Share a time when something you said or did moved someone closer to Jesus.

DISCUSSION:

1. What is worship? Is true worship internal, external, or both?
2. What does it mean to "worship the Father in truth"? Read Matthew 15:8-9 and John 17:17.
3. Read John 4:10, 14, and 21-24. Jesus is speaking on a spiritual level; the Samaritan woman is stuck in the material. How do Christ's words help you understand what He means by "worship the Father in spirit...?"
4. "Worship the Father in spirit" ... is this God's spirit or our spirit?
5. Jesus Christ claimed to be "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). How is being the truth different from knowing or having the truth?
6. Why is it important to worship and experience God not only individually but corporately?
7. Read Romans 12:1-14. This passage is a pretty good description of a healthy church. From this passage, recount some of ways that Christians, as a part of the church, should think and act differently from the world.

APPLICATION:

1. Consider your answer to question 1 above under This Week's Devotionals. How can you act on this?

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1. Worship brings **people** together. Jn 4:4-9
2. Worship recognizes the **provider**. Jn 4:10-15; 7:37-39;
Jer 2:13; Is 55:1-2
3. Worship admits **wrong** doing. Jn 4:16-19; 3:19-21
4. Worship is in **spirit** and truth. Jn 4:20-21; Rev 21:22-23