

# Growth Group Leader Guide

This “growth group leader guide” is meant to be just that, a guide. Please feel free as the leader of your group to add questions or comments as you feel necessary to fit your group’s dynamics.

Also, don’t feel pressured to cover every question.

## Worship in Spirit and in Truth

### Read as a group **John 4:19-24**

- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be most helpful or eye-opening? Explain.

### 4 Main Points of Sunday’s Sermon

- **True worship is glorifying God in His presence.**
- **True worship can happen wherever God’s people are gathered.**
- **The true worshipers are God’s redeemed. The Church.**
- **The true worshipers worship God in Spirit and in Truth.**

### I. What is “worship”?

- As a group or in smaller groups, come up with a definition of “worship”. Then compare the group findings with these 2 definitions:
  - **“Worship is the activity of glorifying God in His presence with our voices and hearts.”** Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*
  - **“The essential concept of worship in both the Old and New Testaments is *service*”.** *The New Bible Dictionary*

## II. Where does worship take place?

- **Read John 4:20.** Discuss why the Samaritan woman may have wanted to shift the topic of conversation from her sin to the correct *place* of worship.
- **Read Psalm 139: 8-10 and Matthew 18:20.** What do these passages tell us about where God dwells?
- **Read Ecclesiastes 5:1-3.** Apply this passage to how worshipers should conduct themselves in a place of worship.

## III. Who are the true worshipers?

- **Reread John 4:22-23.** Discuss the difference between genuine worship and counterfeit worship.

## VI. How is genuine worship done?

- **Reread and discuss verse 24.** Discuss what Jesus was teaching here.
  - What does Jesus say about himself in **John 14:6**?
  - Discuss what is meant by worshipping “**in truth**”. How can we be sure that when we worship, we worship in truth?
  - What does this verse tell us about God?
- Read **Ephesians 1:13-14.** Discuss what this verse reveals about the Holy Spirit.
- Discuss this statement by John Piper: “**True worship comes only from spirits made alive and sensitive by the quickening of the Spirit of God**”. Paraphrase this statement in your own words.
- What is the importance of singing in our worship? Read these verses aloud:
  - **Psalm 96:2**
  - **Psalm 98:4-9**
  - **Psalm 105:2**
  - **Ephesians 5:18-20**
  - **Colossians 3:16**

What do these verses reveal about singing in worship?

- What has God’s Word taught you about worship this week? How can you now apply these truths to your worship activities?

