



God Time – The Attitude of Mercy

These scriptures are selected to help you gain a deeper understanding of who Jesus is. You can read them each day or listen to the daily audio that is sent to you. They are intentionally designed for you to engage in your time alone with God. You will find them complementary to the teachings on the weekend (gatherings) and to the LIFE Group materials.

Some tips:

Use a Bible that is easy to read. The ESV or The NLT are both good translations.

Use a prayer journal. After you read the passages jot down what “jumped out” at you while reading. Then take a few minutes to write a prayer response to what you have read.

There are only five days of reading provided so if you miss a day you have time to catch up. Do not get legalistic! If you miss a day or even a week...God still loves you!

Monday: Matthew 9:12-13

Tuesday: Micah 6:6-8

Wednesday: James 2:13

Thursday: Mark 10:46-52

Friday: Psalm 145:8-9

Diving Deeper

The Attitude of Jesus – Spiritual Desire – Worshipping God with the Right Attitude

John 4:23 – Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.



Jesus is sharing with the woman at the well about what worship means. She has pointed out that the Samaritans go to the mountains to worship. The Jews, on the other hand, go to Jerusalem. But if you follow what Jesus is saying, you can see that there is a shifting of the wind; a new way of worship is coming into being. Jesus has His thoughts focused on the cross and what is to take place at Calvary. Worship becomes centered on what God did when He sent His son to die on the cross for our sin and to provide salvation to those who confess with their mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in their heart that He was raised from the dead. That time has now come, and what is interesting is that Jesus is questioning how both the Samaritans and the Jews worship. The Samaritans worship without truth but in spirit and the Jews worship in truth without spirit. Jesus says that they are both false worshipers and God is seeking true worshipers who worship in both truth and spirit. So, the question we face is not whether we worship by going to church or reading scripture or going to bible study, singing praise songs, no, the question is do we worship our Father in Spirit and in truth. That is the kind of worshiper the Father seeks.

Now, before you read another word contemplate on what it means to be a true worshiper of God. First, we must look at worship as the primary and ultimate objective we have as a Christian. Jesus says that the most important commandment we have is to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30) How do we show God our love? We do it by worshiping the Lord with a pure spirit, a heart that is right toward Him. We must worship Him in truth, believing the gospel message and embracing the cross. Worship is not based on the outward actions of religious rituals; it is achieved through an inward devotion to the Lord. A true worshiper is a born-again Christian who has given his life to Christ and is guided in worship by the Holy Spirit totally focused on God and God alone. Our thoughts must be centered on God as we enter His presence. Know, however, that whether it is praising, giving thanks, singing, praying or giving financially, our hearts must be right – pure and free of sin, bringing glory to Him and in that way, we refresh our own spirit. Fulfilling our purpose of worshiping Him satisfies our very being, and it helps us build a deeper connection to God. He is deserving of our love, and we demonstrate such love when we worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

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1. What is your top priority in life?
2. Do you worship the Creator, or that which He created more?
3. Do you desire God?
4. What does desiring God mean to you?