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What's God Want Sunday Mornings?

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INTRODUCTION

Everybody everywhere worships something or someone. All of us have a God-shaped hole inside us that only God can fill. St. Augustine prayed, "You have made us for Yourself O God, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You." So what does God want from us on Sunday Mornings? If St. Augustine is right, God wants only one thing, our hearts finding rest in Him.

1. Do you agree with the statement that everyone everywhere worships something? Give examples of why or why not.

Read John 4:4-26

2. Define the word "worship". If necessary describe a time when you found yourself worshipping a something or a someone.
3. What was the woman in this passage worshipping?
4. Doing what any person does when they are backed into a corner, she changes the subject. "You guys say worship this way, we say that way?" (John 4:19-22) What do you think begins "worship wars"?
5. Jesus seems to bypass the "how" and "where" of worship by explaining that it's not about the worshipper. It's not about me; it's not about you. It is about responding to a God who has taken the initiative in seeking us. According to verses 23-24, what is true worship and why do we do it?

MOVING FORWARD

Not only does everyone everywhere worship something or someone, the truth is you become like the god you worship. This woman in John 4 worshipped pleasure, sex, maybe even companionship and became an adulterer. Jesus changed her focus by revealing to her the God who was seeking her in spirit and truth. She was restless until she found her rest in Him. In light of this, why do you gather for corporate worship? What is the next step for you in learning how to be a true worshipper? The woman at the well knew she needed someone to explain and teach her how to worship. "When the Messiah comes, He will explain everything to us." Jesus declared. "I who speak to you am He." Take some time as a group to talk about your next steps in becoming a passionate worshipper. Take time to pray and ask Jesus to teach you what it means to worship in spirit and truth.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

You shall worship the Lord Your God and serve Him only. Matthew 4:10