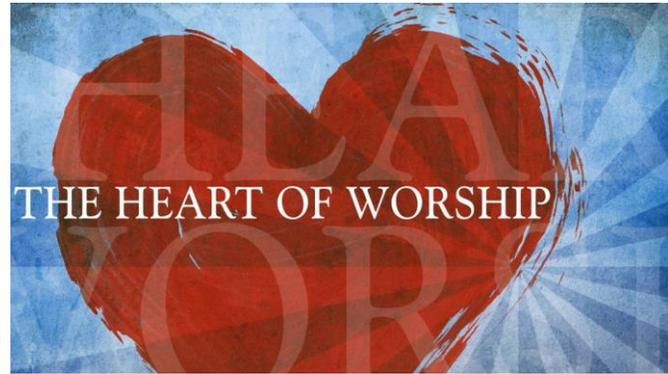


**Royal Redeemer  
Going Deeper  
CGS Community Discussion Guide**

Based on Sermon for July 13 & 14, 2019  
**The Heart of Worship: Through God's Eyes**

**(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)**



- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **Connect with each other**

○ Share some distractions in church that get in the way of you worshipping.

- **Grow in Christ**

**(read the following passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)**

John 4: 19-26 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

<sup>21</sup> “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in Spirit and in truth.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am He.”

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- In view of the larger context of the reading, do you think the woman was trying to change the subject to get away from Jesus' insights into her marital status or was she genuinely interested in knowing where to worship God?
- How do you think the woman responded to Jesus' answer?
- Based on what the woman did following this exchange (see the context) do you think she believed Jesus when He said that He was the promised Messiah?
- The sermon concluded by saying that worshipping in the Spirit and in Truth is praising God the Father, through Jesus the Son and in the Power of the Holy Spirit. How do you react to that?
- How might you incorporate this into your worship life?

- **Serve others**

○ Who might God want you to invite to worship at Royal Redeemer to help them reconnect with God?

- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**