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WORSHIP

Benefits of Worshipping Together

John 4

The woman at the well had a great need. She turns the conversation to worship.

So, Jesus, meets her there and they talk about it.

Worship, first and foremost, is a *heart* issue. We may sing certain songs and follow a predictable order in our times of worship. We may have some good traditions, but those don't take the place of authentic worship. And *authentic worship is experienced in community.*

What do we learn from the woman at the well and her conversation with Jesus?

1. God is not confined to a place. (neither on this mountain)

The more you know God, the more you will want to be with Him.

In Psalm 133, King David describes how pleasing it is to God when His people dwell (abide, remain) together in unity.

2. Worship is in spirit and truth.

3. We can't worship what we don't know.

In order to worship God, we must have a relationship with him. That relationship is enhanced in the community of others who have a relationship with God.

How does worship in community benefit or help me?

1. *My faith has been energized.* When I gather together with others who have come to hear God's voice through singing, praying, and hearing God's Word, I am energized and



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encouraged to listen and grow. These worship gatherings are much like the pep rally we talked about earlier. These times give me fuel to go out and face life with my faith empowered. They remind me I am part of a family who is standing with me in worship of the one true God.

2. *I connect personally with other people.* I see their passion for God; I feel their hurts; I get to know their hearts as we worship together. Voices, eye contact, volume, intensity, expressions—all are part of worshiping together. I don’t get this benefit by watching an online worship “experience.” When I attend in real life, I see what moves people, and they see what moves me. My personal worship taste becomes less important as I see what enhances worship for those around me.

3. *I grow.* Spiritual fruit happens because I am connected with people in worship who can then hold me accountable to follow through on what we have heard, experienced, and been told by the Holy Spirit in worship. This dynamic moves me from being a hearer of the Word to becoming a doer of the Word and growing as a disciple.

Call To Action:

How can you make worship a priority?

How can your worship may help someone else?

Do you realize as you get to know God more your worship passion will grow?

