

Leadership Group Guide /

for the Leadership Podcast
with Pastor Steve Murrell

Worship

WORD

(20 MINUTES)

²³*But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."* **JOHN 4:23,24**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **ROMANS 12:1**

As Jesus talked with the Samaritan woman, she mentioned that the Jews believed that worship must be done only in Jerusalem, while the Samaritans believed it must be done on a sacred mountain. Even today, there are all kinds of misconceptions about worship, such as that worship is a song list, or that worship can only be done in a church service. Jesus, however, told her of the kind of worshipers God is looking for—those who will *worship in spirit and truth*.

How can we worship in spirit and truth? Worshiping in spirit begins in the heart, as we present our bodies as a *living sacrifice* to God through daily worship. And this spiritual worship must be grounded in truth, which is the Word of God, expressed through obeying and applying His Word in our lives. As we continue to lead our Victory groups, we must live a life of worship, offering ourselves daily to God, so that others may understand what worship truly means.

DISCUSSION

(50 MINUTES)

1. Are there any misconceptions on worship that you find yourself still believing? What are those? How can you grow personally in your daily act of spiritual worship?
2. How can you encourage your Victory group members to offer themselves daily to God as living sacrifices? What are some practical tips you can give your Victory group members to help them live a lifestyle of worship?
3. Does the way you live your life model how to worship in spirit and truth to your family, in your campus, or in your workplace? How can you set an example of true worship to your those who don't know God yet?

PRAYER

(20 MINUTES)

1. Pray that you will live a life holy and acceptable to God. Pray that you will be empowered to model a lifestyle of worship in spirit and truth.
2. Pray that your Victory group members will take to heart the meaning of true worship. Pray that they will be empowered to lead others to live a lifestyle of true worship as well.
3. Pray that as your family and friends see your lifestyle of worship, there will be open doors to preach the gospel to them. Pray that as your Victory group members live a life of worship, they will be able to influence others to come to know God.



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This guide is designed to be used in leadership groups, for Victory group leaders to grow in discipleship and leadership development. The goal of these ninety-minute leadership group meetings is a discussion of the Word and its practical application as leaders.