

Created to Worship Together
Week 4
Better Together

- John 4:24 (NIV) “God is Spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”
- Leviticus 23:3 (CEV) “You have six days to do your work, but the seventh day of each week is holy because it belongs to me.”
- Mark 2:27 (NIV) “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath.”
- Matthew 18:20 (CEV) “Whenever two or three of you come together in my name, I am there with you.”
- Hebrews 10:25 (TEV) “Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the day of the Lord is coming nearer.”
- 2 Chronicles 12:14 (NKJV) “(Rehoboam) did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek the Lord.”
- Romans 15:5-6 (NLT) “Join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God.”
- Psalm 24:3-4,6 (NLT) “Who may climb the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? Only those whose hands and hearts are pure, who do not worship idols and never tell lies... They alone may enter God’s presence and worship the God of Israel.”
- Matthew 5:23-24 (MSG) “ If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God.”
- Acts 1:14 (NLT) “They all met together continually for prayer...”
- Luke 11:1 (NIV) “Lord, teach us to pray.”
- Hebrews 14:16 (NLT) “So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it.”
- 1 Corinthians 16:2 (TEV) “Every Sunday each of you must put aside some money, in proportion to what you have earned...for the offering.”
- 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV) “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

- Deuteronomy 14:32b (LB) ...”The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.”
- Matthew 6:21 (NIV) “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
- Ephesians 5:19 (CEV) “When you meet together, sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, as you praise the Lord with all your heart.”
- Psalm 35:9 (CEV) “I will celebrate and be joyful because you, Lord, have saved me.”

Connection Group Discussion

1. Define worship as a group. Our mission at ValleyPoint is pointing people to real relationships AND real significance. We are successful when worship is a lifestyle. What does a lifestyle of worship look like to you? What is your favorite way to worship God?
2. Read John 4:19-26. What is worshipping in Spirit and in Truth? How do we ensure that our worship combines both Spirit and truth?
{{Dive Deeper: Worship comes from our very core and is fueled by an awesome reverence and desire for God. It is focusing all we are on all He is. What do the following Scriptures inform us about truth: John 1:14, John 1:17, John 8:32, John 14:6, John 16:13. Who is the truth?}}
3. God reveals himself to us through His constant care and provision. In what ways has He recently shown you His heart by providing for your needs? How do you show God your heart in return?
4. Have you ever thought about the significance of preparing yourself for corporate worship every weekend? Psalm 24:4 states ‘Clean hands and a pure heart’. Why is this important?
{{Dive Deeper: What are the exact instructions the following scriptures give for cleansing the priest in the old testament? Exodus 29:4, Exodus 30:19, Exodus 3:1-5, Psalm 24:3-6. What do the following scriptures offer about cleansing our hearts in the New Testament? Ephesians 5:25-26, Hebrews 10:22, James 1:22-25, 1 Peter 1:22. Is true repentance important before worship? 2 Corinthians 7:10, 1 Corinthians 11:28, 1 John 1:9}}
5. What is the greatest impact of having other people pray for and with you? Can you give any examples of when you needed others to come alongside you and pray?
{{Dive Deeper: What does each Scripture say about spending time in prayer or neglecting to pray? James 4:2, Mark 14:38, Philippians 4:6-7, Isaiah 50:4-5}}
6. Read Luke 7:36-50. Notice how this woman’s worship was not hindered by others. How does fragrant worship place us in the right relationship with God?