

Sermon Title: Peculiar People: True Worshippers

Scripture Used: 1 Peter 2:9; John 4:23



## **Sermon Discussion Guide (7/21)**

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

### **Scripture**

Read John 4:21-24 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

### **Observation**

What does this Scripture reveal to us about the meaning of worship? In these verses, what does the word "Spirit" mean? What does the word "truth" mean?

Read Psalm 100. What does it look like to worship the Lord with gladness? How can you worship God with this attitude even when you are not in a space that we would consider designated for worship?

How are we to enter the gates of the Lord? How might this posture be different from the posture that we can sometimes have during worship?

Read Psalm 27:4. What does it mean to dwell in the house of the Lord? How does dwelling in the house of the Lord allow us to know Him?

## **Application**

When was the last time that you were overcome with awe by the presence of God? How does technology help and/or hurt our ability to worship God with awe and reverence?

How does the prevailing attitude of the culture discourage us from worshipping God with abandon? What can you do to overcome this challenge?

True worshippers worship God with intimacy. What is the difference between knowing about God and knowing God? How can knowing God encourage you to become more intentional in your worship of Him?

Pastor Kenny concluded his sermon by asking us what would happen if worship became a lifestyle, and Sunday morning was about celebrating all that God has done in our lives throughout the week. What is one step you can take this week to more fully embrace our call to worship God not just for an hour on Sundays but to give Him thanks and praise with every moment of our lives?

## **Prayer**

Conclude your time by offering a prayer to God. Praise God that He has provided us with an opportunity to be in a relationship with Him and experience His presence. Ask God for forgiveness for any sin you have been convicted of during this time. Thank God that He has made His presence known to us and given us more reasons than we can count to praise His name. Ask God to help us to live our lives in a way that glorifies and honors Him.

Meditation Prayer for the Week: Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. (Psalm 63:3-4)