

## Exploring the Holy Spirit

### Session 4

April 23, 2017

- 1) Explore at your table: What are some traditions that your family have? Why do you like tradition?
- 2) What are traditions you see the Pharisees embrace in Scripture? Do scriptures always help us have a relationship with the Holy Spirit? Why or Why not? Give some examples.
- 3) What can we do to ensure we don't approach the Holy Spirit as Tradition? In worship, how can we leave the Holy Spirit out?
- 4) Read John 4: 19 – 24. How does the Samaritan woman show she does not understand worship- it is just a tradition for her? Jesus says, "True worshippers worship in Spirit and in Truth", what does that mean?

Explore Truth: John 14:6 John 8:32, 36 John 16: 13 – 16. What does it mean to you to worship in Truth?

#### 5) Spirit:

3 levels of relationships:

- Physical :  
How do we sometimes worship on a physical level? Will a relationship with God last at this level?
- Soul (personality- who you are): Friendship  
  
What does a relationship with God look like on this level?  
How is it richer than a physical relationship?
- Spirit: (knowing the heart and mind)  
Read I Corinthians 2:11  
Thoughts = "state of being or composition of"  
Know = more than a casual knowledge of

**We will never know more than a common knowledge of God if we do not discover Him by His Spirit**

Read 1 Corinthians 2:12:

We can **know** God- his thoughts, His being- all as the Spirit reveals it

Why do you think many don't know God in this way?

Look up the following verses and notice what it takes to really know God.

I Chronicles 28:9

2 Chronicles 15:2

Psalms 119: 2, 10

Proverbs 8:7

Isaiah 55: 6

Jeremiah 29:3

Hosea 10: 12

Matt 6:33

Hebrews 11: 6

What does it look like to seek the Lord?

Look at 2 Corinthians 3: 16 – 18

What does it mean to you today to worship in Spirit and in Truth? Be still and listen first.

### **3 Levels of relationships:**

**Physical:** lowest most superficial level: “good- looking” “physical attraction” “butterflies”

When relationships are built on physical attraction only, without building a deeper level of intimacy, they become miserable. Each person gets distracted in their own interests and friends, and the couple simply coexists if they stay together at all.

Explore how we can have this type of relationship with God?

This level is not bad, but there is more- we can and want to go deeper

**Soul:** personality: friendship spending time together. Listening to each other, getting to know each other

\_often hear of marriages breaking up because someone filled this role – a void left if the spouse doesn’t fill it.

What does a relationship with God look like here?

**Spirit:** Deepest Level of Intimacy - knowing the heart and mind of a person- understanding them- knowing their motives, hopes, concerns- really knowing them.

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