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: attraction/"twitter-pated"

How do we sometimes worship on a physical level? Will a relationship with God last at this level?

5) Spirit:

3 levels of relationships:

- **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?

5) Spirit:

3 levels of relationships:

-Spirit: (knowing the heart and mind)

Read I Corinthians 2:11 "For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God."

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: "What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us"

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

Psalm 119:

2, 10

Proverbs 8:7

Isaiah 55: 6

Jeremiah 29:3

Hosea 10: 12

Matt 6:33

Hebrews 11: 6

2 Corinthians 3: 16 - 18

13 We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. 14 But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away.

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