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## FOCUSING ON GOD IN WORSHIP ANDREA JOHNSON

## TEACHING NOTES

**REDISCOVER THE REASON AND PURPOSE OF OUR WORSHIP. TRUE WORSHIP PROVIDES ENDURANCE, NARROWS OUR FOCUS, AND REMINDS US OF THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH.**

### WHAT IS TRUE WORSHIP?

WEBSTERS—Worship: show reverence and adoration for (a deity); honor with religious rites.

**Given to the Father:** *“true worshipers will worship the FATHER...”*

- » Everyone worships something or someone—the question is, “who?”
- » The focus of our worship matters. Worshiping anything else is not true worship. *“You Samaritans worship what you do not know.”* (John 4:22)
- » JESUS—*“... an hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth.”* (John 4:23)

**Enabled by the Spirit:** *“...in SPIRIT and in truth.”*

- » Living Water—The Spirit fills us with eternal life and helps us worship our Maker as we ought (John 4:13)
- » Opens the mind to see the Kingdom (Eph. 1:18)
- » Inspired Scriptures—“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Tim 3:16-17)

**Through the work of the Son:** only through Jesus, the revelation of God—*“in TRUTH.”*

- » The Word made flesh (John 1:14)
- » The Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
- » The Way, the Truth, the Life (John 14:6)
- » As the Messiah, Jesus accomplished the work of reconciling us to God (2 Cor. 5:17-19)

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### REASON & PURPOSE OF WORSHIP:

**His Character:** affirming with our words and living them out in our actions.

TGP: 99 Essential Doctrines

- » Holy (Rev. 4:8)
- » Worthy (Rev. 4:11)
- » Unchanging (Heb. 13:8)—Faithful, Reliable,  
Eternal, Keeps His Promises
- » Merciful—the Gospel (Phil 2:1-11)

**Our Response:** Our actions (in worship) reveal God's glory

*"...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—  
this is your true and proper worship." (Rom. 12:1)*

- » Gratitude—for what He has done in and for me (New Creation—2 Cor. 5:17).  
My acknowledgement and personal expression both inward and outward.  
Every fiber of our being.
- » Gospel witness—Because we are completely satisfied in Christ,  
we demonstrate genuine worship in our lives that draws others to  
want to know Him as well.

**AS WE ENTER INTO GENUINE WORSHIP, WE OPEN THE GATES FOR OTHERS TO SEE THE  
POSSIBILITY OF FULL AND LASTING SATISFACTION IN THE WELL OF LIVING WATER THAT  
WON'T RUN DRY.**

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### RESULTS OF TRUE WORSHIP:

#### Produces Endurance:

- » Renewal of strength—*“but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” (Is. 40:31)*
- » Renewal of our faith and trust (Rom 12:2, Jude 1:20)
- » Building of relationships—Fellowship with the Body of Christ (1 Pet. 2:5, 9, 10)  
Living Stones, Chosen People, Royal Priesthood; not *a* people—*God's* people
- » Equipped and strengthened for the work (Ephesians 4:11-13)

#### Purifies our Focus:

- » The Gospel—as we worship in Spirit and in truth, we see the true nature of the Gospel in all its richness and depth (John 3:16)
- » Gift of the Father
- » Power of the Spirit
- » Work of the Son
- » The Greater Temple—The Samaritan Leper who returned to Jesus when he realized he was healed, rather than continuing on to the priest (Luke 17:17-19)
- » Author and Perfecter—*esus* (Hebrews 12)

*Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith. (Hebrews 12:1-2)*

**IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT OUR WORSHIP BE A SPIRIT-EMPOWERED PROCLAMATION OF THE TRUTH, BECAUSE OTHERWISE WE ARE NOT TRULY WORSHIPPING GOD. PART OF ENTERING INTO COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS IS RELEASING OUR OWN PREFERENCES IN FAVOR OF TRUE WORSHIP. CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION HAS ENABLED US TO WORSHIP FREELY IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH FROM ANYWHERE. LET'S LIVE AND WORSHIP IN THAT FREEDOM AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY SEEK THE ONE WHO ENABLES SUCH FREEDOM.**

*Ed Stetson*

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