

Core Value #3
“Passionate Worship”
John 4:19-24
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“. . . You (God) created everything, and it is for Your pleasure that they exist and were created.” Revelation 4:11b

‘. . . Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.’ Matthew 22:37b-38 (NLT)

‘Sir,’ the woman said, ‘you must be a prophet. So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?’ Jesus replied, ‘Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about Him, for salvation comes through the Jews. But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship Him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.’ John 4:19-24 (NLT)

TRUE WORSHIPERS ARE . . .

1. FOCUSED: YOU HAVE THE RIGHT AUDIENCE.

‘So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?’ John 4:20 (NLT)

‘But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.’ John 4:23 (NLT)

“Let us be grateful and worship God in a way that will please Him.” Hebrews 12:28

“. . . Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.” Colossians 3:16b (NLT)

2. FERVENT: YOU GIVE ALL YOU’VE GOT.

‘For God is Spirit, so those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.’ John 4:24 (NLT)

“The Lord says: ‘These people come near to Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. Their worship of Me is made up only of rules taught by men.’ Isaiah 29:13 (NIV)

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” Romans 12:1 (ESV)

3. FAITHFUL: YOU STAY WITHIN SCRIPTURE.

‘. . . in spirit and in truth.’ John 4:24b (NLT)