

Worship—A Whole New Way  
Life Group Questions  
April 22, 2018

1. What is the most special or memorable worship experience you have had?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Read John 4:19-24. What is the Samaritan woman's conception of right religion? How does Jesus correct her understanding?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Read Hebrews 10:1-4. Jesus life, death, resurrection and exaltation in heaven spelled the end of religion and the obsolescence of worship the way it had been practiced. Jesus fulfilled the law that was a shadow of that which was to come and what was incapable of dealing with our sin problem. Jesus as our High Priest ever lives to make intercession for us unlike the priests that died. Jesus offered a sacrifice once for all and sat down, versus the continual sacrifices that could never fully atone for sins. Jesus replaced the specific time and place of worship with worshipping any and everywhere.

Take a moment and reflect on what Jesus has done for us and give thanks for his grace.

4. Jesus has given us his Spirit to live in us (John 14:23, 15-17). A temple is a place where God is and where his people worship him. Jesus, by his Spirit is in us and therefore becomes a place worship, replacing a heavenly temple. The church building is not the "house of God" or a "sanctuary." Believers are the dwelling place of God collectively and individually and hence a place of worship. What are the implications of your body being the dwelling place/temple of God from 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19-20. How do you show respect for your body?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. While the gathering of the church in the New Testament is never stated as being expressly for worship, we understand that the things we do when we gather are expressions of worship. The church is called to gather for edification and encouragement (1 Thessalonians 5:11). We said that we are to have both a God-ward focus as well as people focus. We are to build each other up in the faith. What ways can you can build up and encourage others as we gather on Sundays and in Life Groups?