

## Small Group/Sermon Notes for Vision: Spirit and Truth Part 2

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- **Spirit and Truth** based on **John 4:23-24**.
- **Part 2: Hypocrites and False Prophets**
- If there are two boxes to check, there are four combinations: yes, yes; yes, no; no, yes; and no, no.
  - So for worshipping in truth the two boxes are: know the truth and do the truth.
  - What are the four possible combinations? Discuss the implications of these four.
    - Jesus is looking for people to know and do the truth!
    - How about not know but still do? **Romans 2:12-15**.
      - It's sad when unbelievers are better Christians than professing believers are!
    - When you know but do not do, Jesus calls that foolish. **Matthew 7:26**.
      - Add judgmental towards others and we advance to 'hypocrite.' **Matthew 23:1-4**.
        - Read the rest of the chapter for an abundance of the word 'hypocrite.'
    - The one who doesn't know and doesn't do is just kind of sad.
    - If any of these apply to you that's ok. Just don't stay that way! ☺
      - The stakes are high. Hypocrites drive people from Christ.
  - So for worshipping in spirit the two boxes are: have the Fruit of the Spirit and Gifts of the Spirit.
  - What are the four possible combinations? Discuss the implications of these four.
    - Fruit and Gifts is what Jesus is looking for!
      - Fruit: **Galatians 5:22-23**. (I don't think this is exhaustive.)
      - Gifts: **1 Corinthians 12:7-11**. (Definitely not exhaustive!)
    - Fruit without gifts types really doesn't hurt other too much.
    - Having neither is bad if they are a professing believer!
    - Having gifts without the fruit is very bad. Jesus calls these people false prophets. **Matthew 7:15-23**.
      - Problems with over emphasis of the supernatural to the detriment of fruit and obedience to Christ's teachings.
    - This is yucky, but if this is you it is still ok. Just don't stay that way!
      - The stakes are high. False prophets are destructive to the cause of Christ.
- So, how do we get good at this?
  - Worshipping in Truth:
    - Simple, learn the truth and put it into practice. **John 8:31-32**.
      - Just knowing the truth doesn't set you free. Obeying the teachings of Jesus brings us to real truth!
  - Worshipping in Spirit:
    - Ask and abide.
      - Ask: **Luke 11:11-13**.
      - Abide: **John 15:5**.
  - Of the four boxes discussed above (know the truth, do the truth, Fruit of the Spirit, and Gifts of the Spirit) which is your strongest? Which need some attention?
- Pray for each other before you finish up!