

## Small Group/Sermon Notes for Vision: Spirit and Truth Part 3

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 3: Embrace Worshiping in Truth**
- So, how do we get good at worshiping in truth? Learn and put into practice.
- Let's get to "know" some things today. It's up to you to "do" this yourself!
  - Dave Williams divides Spirit and Truth into 3: Spiritual, Practical, Attitudinal.
    - Can't make up for a deficit in one by overdoing another.
    - Have you tried to do that in the past? Example: Pray for a good job but sometimes show up late and usually do an average to poor job. It doesn't work that way!
- Let's look at some Scriptural examples of worshiping in truth:
- Worshiping by living right: **Romans 12:1** in light of **Romans 6:11-14, Rom 6:19**.
  - Living right is worship to God.
  - Sin then is worship (worth-ship) of what??
- Golden Rule: **Matthew 7:12**.
  - Put yourself in other people's shoes. Think of what they would need/want.
    - This is huge for your maturing process! A self-centered mindset is immature.
  - This sums up the law and the prophets! So, we are good then. Right? Nothing else to it?
    - Can you take the Bible too literally??
- Protestant Work Ethic: **1 Thessalonians 4:11-12**.
  - The Thessalonians were kicking it! They got next level instructions. Is this next level?
  - What is your ambition?
- Submit to your leaders: **Hebrews 13:17**.
  - This is not just a "spirit" person issue. Why are so many pastors depressed and burned out? What should be a joy becomes a burden. What are the long term implications of this?
- So worshiping in truth is very important!
- But that isn't all there is. Let's talk about the Rich Young Ruler.
  - **Matthew 19:16-19**
    - These are all "truth" type commands! Didn't Jesus just skip the greatest one???
    - The man knew this wasn't everything so he asked a question.
  - **Matthew 19:20**
  - Jesus then says **Matthew 19:21**.
    - If you know the story, the man says no.
      - He had everything and did everything right.
      - However, he didn't want to live his life with Jesus.
  - He worshiped in truth but at a distance.
    - Has that ever been you? How close to Jesus can you get?
  - Jesus is inviting you to live your life with him!
    - This involves worshiping in spirit.
    - That is where our intimacy with God comes from.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!