DIGDEEPER

June 26, 2016 We Will Worship by Dr. Richard Rogers John 4:1-26 (<u>Listen Online</u>)

THE BIG IDEA

If we want to be a church of people who live outward focused lives, we must first be a church who commits to having our lives shaped by regular worship together. Each Sunday morning, we are refocused on God, reoriented to the gospel, and given opportunity to respond together in thankfulness. It's a serious thing we do each Sunday, so we ought to be mindfully prepared to celebrate God as we meet together.

START A CONVERSATION (Use this to begin a Conversation that Matters with your kids, coworkers, spouse, or someone in line at the grocery store. Then, <u>tell us about it</u>.)

• What is one thing you love? How would someone know you love it?

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- In this week's passage, Jesus uses the topic of worship to call a woman out of her sin and into relationship with him. How has God used worship of the gathered church on Sundays to confront you with your sin and make you look more like his Son?
- What did Jesus mean in John 4 when he said we ought to worship God in spirit and truth?
- What is one matter of personal preference that tends to distract you during corporate worship? How might you give up that preference for the good of your church?
- What does your pre-church routine on an average Sunday morning look like? How might changing it help you better prepare to meet God alongside your church family?
- In what way(s) should the time we spend together on a Sunday affect our lives as we scatter to different places throughout the week?

GO DEEPER

- Bob Kauflin helps us see why <u>there is no such thing as a normal Sunday</u>. Instead, Sunday is an incredibly significant day in the life of our church, and there are ways we can help to treat it as such.
- Jeff Vanderstelt makes the case for <u>why corporate worship matters</u> if we hope to be outwardly focused Christians who live lives that matter each week.
- David Mathis argues that corporate worship is the most important thing we do and outlines <u>five benefits of regularly gathering together</u>.

LIVE IN LOVE THIS WEEK

Since worshipping God with the church is so central to our lives, we ought to treat it as such. This week, begin preparing even now for the next time we gather. Pray for Richard as he prepares the sermon. Confess your own sin to God. Be reconciled to others in the body with whom you may have a disagreement. Invite someone who doesn't know Jesus to come see what he is like. Ask God to make himself known mightily next Sunday morning.

