***McQuiston Memorial Presbyterian Church***

***Discipleship Groups***

***Week commencing 10th March 2013.***

**Discuss:-** What for you is the most meaningful aspect of worship and why is this so?

**Reflect:-** What does the thing you identified reveal about your attitude to worship; is it more Jesus centred, or “me centred”?

***Read again John 4:1-26***.

1. Concerning worship, what is the heart of the woman’s query? (verses 19 & 20)
2. Do you think these kinds of issues are still important to people when it comes to worship?

*When Jesus said in verse 21 “****a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem****” and again in verse 23 “****a time is coming and has now come when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth****.” the translation* ***time*** *should really be* ***hour****, and in John’s gospel the hour, unless the context shows it otherwise, refers usually to the time of Jesus ministry or death.*

1. What do you think has changed since Jesus’ death and resurrection? (*As well as this passage it might be helpful to look at Philippians 1:9-11 and particularly 1st Peter 4:10-12*)
2. What do you think it means to worship God in spirit and in truth?

True worshippers will worship in spirit and truth. Since God himself is spirit worship must be on a spiritual level so it involves more than surroundings or actions alone. It is how we relate to God at the deepest level on our being see Psalm 103:1. It must also be in truth. This is truthfulness in our character, in actions, and worship according to the truth God reveals about himself in Jesus (See also Psalm 24)

1. Bearing in mind what is written above and what you have already discussed what steps can we take to prepare ourselves for worship?
2. How can bible reading and prayer help us to worship?
3. How important is our relationship with others in the church when it comes to our own or corporate worship (i.e. worshipping together) ?
4. In relation to our own church and lives how can we keep the Lord in the centre of our worship?