

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Sharon Mihill | Papua New Guinea



### PRAISE

- The recent literacy workshop was a great refresher. There is always more to learn as a literacy consultant.

- A group in New Ireland has requested help starting a Tok Pisin literacy program where they are also sharing Christ.

### PRAY

- for timing and time management so that we can be the best stewards with ministry opportunities.

- for Sharon’s mother who has upcoming appointments with a neurologist in November. Pray for the doctor’s to have wisdom and for the best plan of action.

- for peace and unity among the Madak brothers and sister.



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## Connecting with God

On His way to Galilee through Samaria, Jesus converses with a Samaritan and makes a profound statement about true worshippers: “Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:21–24, NLT).

Jesus emphasizes through repetition that true worshippers worship the Father “in spirit and in truth.” To fully appreciate what the Lord is saying, we must understand the epic nature of the longstanding rift between the Samaritans and the Jews. The Jews disregarded Samaritans because of their impure lineage and syncretistic religion. Also, the Samaritans worshiped in a different physical location—on Mount Gerizim instead of at the temple in Jerusalem.

Jesus declared that the time had come when it no longer mattered “whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem.” Christ’s first point is that the where of worship has nothing to do with the integrity of worship. Neither the place nor the style of worship is relevant. The physical elements are not the primary concern. Second, Jesus indicated that true worshippers are not defined by their bloodline or race. The Father does not care if a person is a Jew, Samaritan, or Gentile. All true worshippers are one in Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:28; Colossians 3:11; Romans 10:12).

True worshippers don’t worship first and foremost in their bodies but in spirit. The act of worship is not an outward expression or physical observance but an inward attitude that acknowledges God’s worthiness and honors Him as the supreme authority over one’s life. True worshippers demonstrate adoration for an audience of One. They don’t bow down or lift their hands to be seen by others. They don’t sing to be heard by humans. They don’t fast or pray to earn worldly recognition (Matthew 6:6, 18). True worshippers exalt God alone, for His pleasure only, because He alone is worthy (Exodus 34:14; 1 Chronicles 16:25–19). They treasure God and long for His presence (Psalm 42:1–2; 63:1).

Jesus stated that true worshippers are those who worship in truth—in honesty and sincerity of heart. Their devotion is pure, wholehearted, and costly, holding nothing back (Deuteronomy 6:5; 10:12; 1 Samuel 12:24; 2 Samuel 24:24; 1 Chronicles 21:24; Mark 12:41–44).

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## KEY VERSE

John 4:23 (NKJV)

*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.*

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: John 4:1-42**

### Introduction

1. What are some ways in which you worshipped God last week?
2. What do we learn about connecting to God from John 4?

**Tuesday: John 4:23; Exodus 20:3; Mark 12:29-30; Psalm 42**

### Know Who You Should Worship

3. What are some false idols that people worship today?
4. Why is God the only one you should worship? What makes Him unique?

**Wednesday: John 4:23-26; Revelation 4:11; Psalm 63**

### Know Why You Should Worship

5. What are some reasons why we should worship God?
6. Why is God worthy of our worship?

**Thursday: John 4:19-24; Acts 17:24; Hebrews 10:24-25**

### Know Where You Should Worship

7. What do we learn about worship from today's scripture reading?
8. Where are some of the places where you worship God?
9. Why is worshipping with people on Sunday important?

**Friday: John 4:23-24, 14:6; Romans 1:9; Psalm 103:1**

### Know How You Should Worship

10. What does it mean to worship God in spirit?
11. What does it mean to worship God in truth?
12. What are some ways you will connect with God this week?