



**COMMUNITY
GROUPS**
Be known and grow



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“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

John 4:23-24 NIVUK

Making a start:

What is your favourite worship song, and what makes it meaningful to you?

Keeping it real:

This week, as we worshipped together, we were reminded that as believers, we are filled to worship God in Spirit and in truth (read John 4:23-24 and discuss the following questions).

- How does this biblical truth challenge you to grow in your lifestyle of worship as you journey with God and with fellow believers?
- What are some potential factors that might, consciously or unconsciously, divide believers in the area of worship?

As we take the posture of learning and become more intentional in confronting our own preferences and biases regarding worship, it is essential to recognize and embrace the practical, *not-so-super-spiritual* guiding principles for worship. When we do, community worship transforms into beautiful expressions of the Spirit’s working in us, uniting us in a way only the Holy Spirit can achieve. Below are straightforward *not-so-superspiritual* guiding principles for worshipping in Spirit and in truth:

- **Principle 1:** Worship involves both God and people (1 Corinthians 14:2-3 NIVUK).
- **Principle 2:** Worship is spontaneous yet orderly, allowing space for the Holy Spirit to move as He desires (1 Corinthians 14:2 NIVUK).
- **Principle 3:** Worship is both inspired by the Holy Spirit and instructional, speaking to both the spirit and the mind (1 Corinthians 14:15-17 NIVUK).
- **Principle 4:** The Holy Spirit uses Scripture and new songs in worship (Colossians 3:16).

Living it out:

1. Which of these practical principles stands out to you the most, and why?
2. How can we move beyond our preferences that tend to create division when we worship together?

Prayer

1. Pray for growth in our ability to worship God in Spirit and truth, engaging Him both with our emotions and intellect.
2. Pray that our collective worship as believers reflects unity by adopting a non-judgmental attitude.
3. Pray for a spiritual shift in our hearts, where God, rather than ourselves, is the audience and focus of our worship.