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Message Series  
"Disciplines of a Disciple"

"...Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness." –1 Timothy 4:7

### "The Discipline of Personal Worship"

John 4:20-26

<sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

#### "worship" defined:

"Worship is the God-centered focus and response of the inner man; it is being preoccupied with God." –Donald Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*

#### What we're NOT talking about:

#### What we are:

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him." (v. 23)

#### What Jesus taught us about worship

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### Principles for Practicing Authentic Worship

#### 1. My worship \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care."* (Psalm 95:6-7)

[Isaiah 6:1-8]

#### 2. My worship \_\_\_\_\_.

*"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."* (Romans 12:1)

[Genesis 22, Hebrews 13:15-16]

#### 3. My worship \_\_\_\_\_.

*"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."* (1 Corinthians 10:31)

[Colossians 3:15-17]