**Worship In Spirit and In Truth: An Inward Journey to Reach Beyond Ourselves**

Worship is said to be the highest calling of man. To have communion with our Creator, our Father, our Protector, our Lover. But yet, we struggle with how to have that deep relationship with God. Indeed, the first murder was committed over worship. The “worship wars” continue today as churches struggle to remain in touch with the multifaceted legacy of worship, but still authentically connect the hearts of 21st century humankind to God. This week of exploration will be one of discussion, reflection, and exposure to several thinkers—both ancient and contemporary—on the subject of worship.

Sessions will explore:

* Who, why and how we worship
* Corporate and personal expressions of worship
* Prayer, holiness and compassion as worship
* Relationships with family, the church and our culture as worship,
* Character growth, the pursuit of Truth, and wholeness as worship

We will share together:

* Our own experiences of worship
* Daily corporate worship
* Daily personal worship time

Some of the sources we will explore:

* John Piper’s sermon series on *Worshipping God*
* John Wimber’s writings/sermons on Worship
* Marva Dawn’s book:  *Reaching Out Without Dumbing Down*
* Mark Labberton’s book:  *The Dangerous Act of Worship*

The goal of the week is that you will leave enlightened, renewed, and refreshed in your journey as you worship in Spirit and in Truth.

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