**Love God - 9/16 Discussion Questions**

John 4:10-26

***Review***

**3 Observations about Worship**

1. Everyone Longs for Spiritual Life (v. 15)

2. Everyone Seeks Happiness Apart from God (v. 16-18)

3. Everyone Needs Jesus for True and Lasting Joy (v. 13-14)

"God is most Glorified in us when we are most Satisfied in Him." John Piper

**3 Applications for Worship**

1. True Happiness is Found in Worshiping God (v. 10)

2. Eternal Happiness will be Focused on Worshiping God (v. 23)

3. We Honor God Best by Enjoying Him Most (v. 14)

**9 Sacred Pathways to Connect with God (from Gary Thomas)**

1. *Naturalists* - Experience the Creator through His Creation
2. *Sensates* - Enjoy God through your Senses and the Arts
3. *Traditionalists* - Connect with God through Ritual and Disciplines
4. *Ascetics* - Love God in Solitude and Simplicity
5. *Activists* - Work with God through Evangelism or Social Action
6. *Caregivers* - Serve God by Ministering to People
7. *Enthusiasts* - Experience God through Celebration and Mystery
8. *Contemplatives* - Enjoy God through Devotion and Meditation
9. *Intellectuals* - Connect with God through Study and Discussion

***Connect***

1. For married couples: when did you know you were in love?
2. For singles: who has been the best picture of love to you?

***Read John 4:10-26***

***Discuss***

1. Why was it surprising for Jesus to talk with this woman? (v. 9)
2. How does this Samaritan woman represent all of us? (v. 15)
3. What does it mean that Jesus offers “living water” (v. 13-14)?
4. What does it mean to worship “in spirit and in truth” (v. 23)?

***Apply***

1. When did you first realize that you were spiritually thirsty (v. 15)? How did you discover that Jesus was what you were looking for (v. 13-14)?
2. What helped you connect the dots like John Piper did (see *Everyone Wants to be Happy* by Desiring God on YouTube) - that seeking God’s glory and our own happiness are one and the same? Why does enjoying God honor Him more than obligatory service?
3. Of the nine “Sacred Pathways” which one or two resonate most with you? Why?

***Pray***

1. How can we pray for you this week?