

**Word Notes Sunday 01/06/14**  
**John Hummersone - Worship: Why and How**

**Summary** (read this bit out to remind cell members what was said on Sunday)

**Key Texts: Gen 22, Heb 12:28, Jn 4:24**

Worship is first mentioned in Gen 22 – when Abraham tested over his son Isaac. Abraham had an expectation that both he and Isaac would be returning to the servants, this can only have come from his experience of speaking with God and seeing His ability to sort things out. Even so the lesson is that obedience precedes worship.

Why worship?

A - God requires us to!

B – He wants us to choose to do so

C – because I want to – it's a response to the Lord, who He is, what He has done & what He is doing.

D - I also get a sense of purpose – I get energized – where is God taking me? A fresh sense of purpose and a sense of belonging.

How?

We have to worship according to what the Bible says. In Heb 12:28 we read that acceptable worship is given with reverence and awe. In Jn 4:24 Jesus himself says that our worship should be an offering of the spirit, the real me, my heart and soul and also in truth, that is as worship of God as revealed in scripture. It's not about me, it's about God.

Some of the Greek words used in the Bible refer to paying homage, to render religious honour, to revere or adore. Even so worship should be a natural thing – just like a bird sings without instruction of when to do so, we too should naturally speak or sing out our worship as we love the Lord.

True worship will always result in a change in the heart of the worshipper, causing a greater desire to love, obey and draw closer to God.

**Application** (this is the bit where cell members get to participate. Lead discussions around these points)

Why do you worship?

Read Jn 4:21-29. What does "in spirit and in truth" mean to you. What does that mean in the practicalities of worship, as an individual and when together with others?

It seems that meeting and talking to Jesus brings even the lost round to worship. Can that happen today, if so how, when where and what is your part?

**Witness** (this is the bit where the cell talks and prays about how to share the Good News)

Finalise plans for your cell's contribution to the Fun Day. PRAY!