

Blueprints

Focusing on UP: Worshiping in Spirit and in Truth

John 4:19-26

The Blueprint of Up, In, and Out

Κοινωνία with God, with each other, invitation to the world

UP: approaching God as Father and King

UP: understanding our practice of corporate worship

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What does Jesus mean when He says “worship”?

The Samaritan Context: Gerazim or Jerusalem

Where was the appropriate place to offer sacrifice?

See Deuteronomy 11:29 and 12:1-32

The Jerusalem temple replaced by “Spirit and Truth”

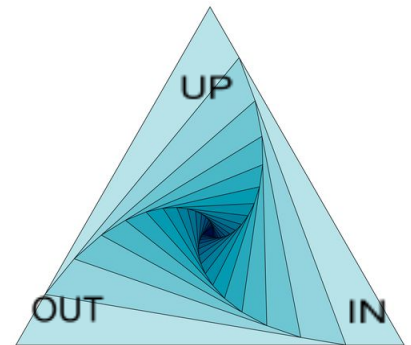
Spirit: spiritual sacrifices offered through the Holy Spirit

Truth: spiritual sacrifices offered in light of Jesus, the One True Sacrifice

John’s Lamb of God: 1:29; 3:14; 6:53-55; 13:1; 1 John 2:2; Rev (27X)

Thesis: same fundamental action expressed in a higher sphere

New Testament imagery: see Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:5; Hebrews 13:15,16



The Act of Corporate Worship at Highland

We live in an entertainment/consumer culture

Modern models of seeking a beautiful/meaningful experience

The nature of emotion

The difference between goals and desires

Corporate worship as a series of humble volitional offerings: Martin Luther

“It is giving that we receive” St. Francis of Assisi

Worship compared to going to the gym

Key words for worship: **service** (Heb 9:1,6, Rom 12:1), **bow down** (John 4), **work** (Rom 15:16)

Sacrifices and eating: Exodus 24:1-11; Deut 12:5-7, 26-27; 1 Kings 8:62-66

Beyond “hoping to get something out of “worship”

Open hands