

# TALK IT OVER

## DEVELOPING A CULTURE OF WORSHIP

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Class # 22

Nowhere in the Bible will you find God looking for perfect people, or only those with high IQ, or just the incredibly talented. What God is looking for are true worshipers who worship him in Spirit and in Truth (**John 4:23**). Worship is any activity (individual or corporate) that leads to an encounter with the presence of God.

Jacob was running away from his brother who wanted to kill him, and for good reason (Jacob had just cheated and robbed him)! He left everything and fled through the desert. When nighttime came, he looked for a stone to rest his head and sleep, and as he was sleeping, he had a dream (**Genesis 28:10-17**). Like Jacob, many times we are not aware that the presence of God is with us, even in the most difficult and painful moments.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Could you see God present in the difficult situations you are going through right now, or do you suffer from the Jacob syndrome?
2. Why do you think Satan was willing to give up all the kingdoms of the world and their glory in exchange for worship?
3. How can you start being more conscience of God's presence today?



*"Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place, and I wasn't even aware of it.'"*  
- Genesis 28:16 (NLT)

### SIMPLICITY

During a pastor's meeting, one pastor saw a vision while everyone was singing and worshipping. He saw how Jesus entered through the back door of the church, and approached each person and hugged them, laying his hands on their heads, and blessing them. But he noticed that as He walked towards certain people, some would not respond, they just kept singing. Jesus waited for a moment, but eventually proceeded to the next person.

Some pastors at that conference were aware that Jesus was present (**Matthew 18:20**), while others just sang religiously. How aware are you of Jesus when you arrive at church early, when you pray in your secret place, and when you go through times of crisis? I encourage you to develop a culture of worship in your life by **always** being aware of his presence and **placing** Jesus as the top priority in your life! Pray for awareness with your group!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT STEPS COURSE

4<sup>th</sup> of JULY CELEBRATION EVENT

MEN'S CONFERENCE: INFLUENTIAL

July 4 (9am via Zoom or Live)

July 4 (6:30pm)

August 20-21