# The CHURCH

## TALK IT OVER

### **WORSHIP AS A LIFESTYLE**

#### **DIG DEEPER**

Why should we praise and worship God? There are many reasons, and the first is found in **John 4:23**. What Jesus teaches here is incredibly awesome! God "looks with great insistence" for people who worship Him in spirit and in truth. This is what He desires the most!

Another reason is because Jesus <u>deserves</u> our worship. We are living in times where ingratitude and self-gratification is the menu of the day. **Luke 17:11-18** tells the story of 10 lepers destined for a slow and cruel death, until Jesus came to meet them. After healing them, only one of the 10 returned to thank Him for their healing. The other nine found no time in all their plans, to return and worship the One who had given them back their life.

#### **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Is Praise and Worship a lifestyle that is being exemplified in your own personal life?
- 2. Why is it a challenge to live constantly grateful to God, rather than just being grateful when He does something for us?
- 3. Where does true worship flow from? The body, the soul, or our spirit?



- Mark 14:9 (NLT)

#### **SIMPLICITY**

Although many of us associate praise and worship with music, the true essence of worship has nothing to do with it. Music is just a vehicle that can use to worship our Beloved, but it is not worship in itself. As a matter of fact, the most incredible act of worship recorded in history, had no music involved! (See Mark 14:1-9).

When we live a continuous life of worship, we genuinely fall in love with Jesus. This brings divine deliverance, unexplained joy, direction, victory, and the fullness of His Spirit so that we can successfully minister to others using our unique gifts and talents.

Let's determine ourselves, as a church, to live a life of worship!

Class # 29

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE-THRU
MEN CONFERENCE INFLUYENTIAL

August 7<sup>th</sup> (10am) August 20-21