

# At-home Bible Study:


## What about worship?

For most of 2020, our worship lives have looked different than at any point in 2019. In some ways, worship has looked a little different. In some ways, worship has looked very different. And in some ways, worship hasn't changed at all.

For several months, we were not able to meet together for worship at our church building. Our leadership suspended our public worship gatherings, so there was no option to gather at our building. For some who are in an at-risk health group and judge themselves to be at a great risk for contracting COVID in our worship space, public worship continues to be not an option.

What does God say about it? How does God want our worship in the age of COVID to be a blessing for us?

### Today: Is worship at home “real” worship?

When we think of worship, we naturally think of where we normally gather for our worship activity: our church building. How does our own church building enable us to do what God commands in  **Hebrews 10:25**?

List some differences between our church building worship space and any space you have used in your home for worship.

At-home worship is not a new invention. Look up the following examples of at-home worship in the Bible:


 **Acts 12:12**

 **Acts 16:40**

 **Romans 16:3-5**


 **Colossians 4:15**


 **Philemon 1-2**


Just because someone is recorded doing something in the Bible does not necessarily mean that they were doing the right, God-pleasing thing. Is house church worship God-pleasing? Is it real worship? Jesus had a conversation about worship location requirements with a Samaritan woman at a well. Read  **John 4:1-26**.


Where had the woman been told was the “right” place for worship?

What place(s) did Jesus say was the “right” place for worship?

What “truth” was Jesus referencing? (See  **John 17:17** for the answer!)

Jesus also talked about God’s presence in worship in  **Matthew 18:20**. In what place of worship is God present?

There was probably a mix of emotions as we went from worshipping together in our church building to worshipping as a family at home. Our hearts may have looked at the changes in worship and said, “This doesn’t feel right.” How does  **2 Peter 1:19** respond to those feelings in our hearts?

Wherever we gather for worship, what does God promise for those gathered around the truth of his Word? Look up  **Luke 11:28**.

If someone says, “At-home worship doesn’t feel right and isn’t real worship, like worship at church,” how would you use God’s Word to respond?