



TALK ABOUT IT

1. Have you ever found anything that looked like something valuable but proved to be fake? How did you feel about that experience?

READ ABOUT IT: Matthew 22:37-39; 28:19-20; Romans 10:9;
John 1:12; 2:23-25; 14:6; 4:7-10,21,23

THINK ABOUT IT

2. **Read Matthew 22:37-39 and 28:19-20.** Why are these verses so important to understanding what really matters to Jesus? What does he desire of His followers, and His church?
3. **Read John 2:23-25.** How does this description of Jesus make you feel? Have someone look up the next passage – **John 3:1-3.** How does Jesus' knowledge of human nature inform his discussion with Nicodemus?
4. **Read John 4:7-10,21,23.** What does this episode tell us about Jesus' view of human nature? What about religion? What kind of worship life is Jesus describing here?

DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

5. How do you worship the Father "in spirit and in truth"? How is this different than just "going to church"? How does it feel for you to know that "...the Father is looking for those who worship Him that way"?

Matthew 22:37-39

³⁷ Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Mathew 28:19-20

¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

John 1:12

¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

Romans 10:9

⁹ If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

John 2:23-25

²³ Because of the miraculous signs Jesus did in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, many began to trust in him. ²⁴ But Jesus didn't trust them, because he knew all about people. ²⁵ No one needed to tell him about human nature, for he knew what was in each person's heart.

John 14:6

⁶ Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

John 4:7-10,21,23

⁷ Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." ⁸ He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

⁹ The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

¹⁰ Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." ²¹ Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem..." ²³ But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.