

Recalibrate

Just like when we set out to an unknown place with bad directions or no directions, sometimes our lives can feel like we've drifted and gotten lost. Luckily for us, God is continually calling us back into relationship and back into worship. Whether we've experienced disorienting loss or casual drift, God is always there to welcome us.

Ice Breaker

Have you ever gotten lost? What was that experience like?

Opening Question

What stood out to you from the weekend message? Was there a scripture, principle, or action step that has stuck with you?

Scripture

Read John 4:1-26

What stood out to you in this passage? The word "worship" is used seven times in this passage. How were Jesus and the Samaritan woman using the concept of "worship" similarly and differently?

Read the quote below from Brother Lawrence (a spiritual leader from the 17th century)

"God does not ask much of us, merely a thought of Him from time to time, a little act of adoration, sometimes to ask for His grace, sometimes to offer Him your sufferings, at other times to thank Him for the graces, past and present, He has bestowed on you, in the midst of your troubles to take solace in Him as often as you can. Lift up your heart to Him during your meals and in company; the least little remembrance will always be the most pleasing to Him.

One need not cry out very loudly; He is nearer to us than we think." The Practice of the Presence of God

- What different ways to worship do you find the most meaningful? How can you incorporate those into your daily life?
- We can all drift away from our priorities over time, whether it's work, family, friends, or God. How do you feel about your drift in these categories? Where do you see drift?
- How can we help each other in our quest not to drift?

Read Romans 12:1-2

Paul warns us not to conform to this world. In what areas do you think many Christians are conforming where perhaps they shouldn't? What does it mean to offer your bodies as living sacrifices?

How does the renewing of the mind happen and with what results? In what current situation do you need to know God's will?

Application

Spend time in prayer, asking God to help you see the ways you are drifting. Then commit to recalibrating your life to God's ways and priorities, not your own. Find three ways to worship this week outside of the weekend worship experience.

Pray