

# Welcome to Kingdom Life for Tammuz 5786!

## WEEK 1 6/22 - 6/27

==> For **Monday and Tuesday**, please review the first half and the second half of the video replay of FIRST Tammuz (you could change the rate to higher speed), with ministry notes. You may want to take additional notes - this is precious revelation from Holy Spirit and does not all fit on the one-page highlights pdf, "Ministry Notes." <https://www.embassyofzion.org/first-fruits>

Listen to the Lord in reflection questions. Pray in faith agreement through your notes and the ministry notes doc, as Holy Spirit leads. Wednesday night, in addition to sharing revelation from the Word, let's worship and let's pray for each other, joining faith to see visible change manifest this month, according to his breakthrough revelation.

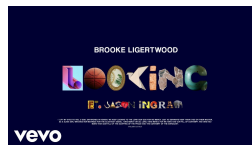
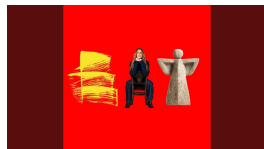
1. (*about Holy Spirit working **IN** you/ us*): Ask Holy Spirit to shine light and give you spiritual insight as you watch, listen, worship, and process FIRST! Tammuz. Is Holy Spirit speaking anything to you personally or for the group? Record aha's and questions.

2. (*about Holy Spirit working **THROUGH** you/us*): How may you see yourself moving spiritually in this goodness from FIRST, impacting others - in situations where you are in a ministry relationship, through intercessory prayer, or in conversations at work, home, school? Is Holy Spirit speaking anything to you personally or for the group? Record.

==> For **Wednesday** - we will begin our quest for **giving Him "worship in Spirit and truth"** as in John 4:23-24. (*We love to give God what He wants!*)

First, lean in on those two verses, then scope out to the entire passage, John 4:1-42 for even more depth of meaning. He sets a new order for worship. See the water references. Then look back to the testimony of John the Baptist immediately before this encounter, John 3:22-36. See any similarities with Jesus' words with the Samaritan woman at the well.

(*Herrnhut inspiration...*) Below are 3 beautiful worship songs (click) that help us meditate on Jesus in awe, and draw ourselves to the Lord for deep fellowship with Him. "Even Death on a Cross" "Participation" and "Looking" by Brooke Ligertwood and friends.



Hope to see you in team zoom session Weds evening.

More soon! So happy we are taking this journey

together - will be amazing to see what God does in and through us! Please stay in touch with questions comments in between team sessions.

**Note:** on email we sent photo attachments from the IVP Study Bible. Please see those (too much for this doc.)

==> **Here is the link to Wednesday evening's team session replay (click=>)**

==> **For Thursday and Friday** - There may be two somewhat different interpretations of what Jesus meant when He said **worship in Spirit and truth**. Did Jesus mean something like  
1) Holy Spirit and truth (Jesus or his word/truth revealed), or  
2) our human spirit and our mind engaging?



In studying and interpreting any passage in the Bible there are some useful skills to develop. Here is a simple one: ask **"What did the author intend to communicate, and what would the original audience have understood him to mean?"**

- When Paul is writing to Gentiles, such as the letter to the Galatians, we need to consider what was being sent and received in **communication to whom**. Example: Gal 4:8-10 *"Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? You are observing special days and months and seasons and years!"*  
He is calling them down for observing special days and months and seasons and years. Is he referring to the Feasts begun in OT, observed by Jews? Pause and think about that. We will answer that quickly on Saturday.
- **Another recommendation is to read a translation using Modern English**, or else learn the vocabulary of (KJV) Early Modern English. Here's an example from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. What did Juliet mean by asking "Wherefore art thou Romeo?" Did she mean what is your location? Susie can tell us on Saturday 😊

**One great practice in Bible interpretation is to use Scripture to help interpret Scripture.**

Let's get some practice with that concerning John 4:23-24.

- Consider additional scriptures which may help interpret "worship in Spirit and truth"  
John 3:1-8; 7:37-40; 14:6-17; 15:3, 26; 16:13-15; 17:13-19; 2 Cor 3:17. Do these give light? Let's take our time and enjoy this approach to whatever the Lord unfolds/ reveals!

Look at these Scriptures to consider what was prescribed for the (worship) gatherings in house churches of the NT (unlike worship in the Temple). 1 Cor 14:26, Col 3:15-17, Eph 5:18-20.

==> **On Saturday's session 9-10 am (eastern)** we will continue the investigation of John 4:23-24 in context, looking to come into agreement with Holy Spirit on the nature of the worship that Jesus meant in John 4. He sought out a Samaritan woman as one the Father was looking for.

We often rightly call her as the first evangelist - telling all in her village about Jesus. And, consider that she worshipped the Father not on the Samaritans' mountain (in their temple) nor the Jews' mountain (in their temple), but in Spirit and truth. Yes? If so, how did she demonstrate that? The gospel narrative (genre) may give us descriptive (vs. normative) clues within the larger context of John 4.



Please hear Rich Mullins' introduce his song, Creed.  
<== *THIS!*

