

- I. A God of our own creation...
 - a. Dashboard Jesus...
 - b. Compared to the Jesus of scripture...
 - c. The myths surrounding Jesus...
 - d. One more myth: that we can create a God of our own choosing...
 - e. A God of our creation... IDOL.

- II. Why create our own God
 - a. John 4:4-20
 - b. The woman at the well..
 - c. A Samaritan woman...
 - d. She worshipped very differently from the Jews.
 - e. The big issue: combined worship of Yahweh and idols.
 - f. What we know about her...
 - g. Five times married, living with number 6.
 - h. An outcast...
 - i. Wounding can cause us to design God on our terms.
 - j. Other Christians...unanswered prayers...
 - k. Disconnection from God
 - l. Unfamiliar with the God of the Bible

- III. Spirit and Truth
 - a. John 4:21-24
 - b. Jesus was making it clear... not about locations and labels...
 - c. Worshipping from your soul?
 - d. In spirit and in truth...
 - e. The Greek word: Spirit - pneuma – spirit or soul
 - f. God is spirit... and must be worshipped from our spirit.
 - g. The Greek word: truth – aletheia – truly truth...
 - h. Jonah 2:8

- IV. How?
 - a. How do we avoid inadvertently designing our own God?
 - b. 5 things...
 - c. Stay in scripture
 - d. Stay in prayer
 - e. Stay in community
 - f. Ask God to close the gap between Him and you
 - g. Develop a lifestyle of cultivating a spiritual life...