

John 4:1-26

¹ The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John - ² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. ³ When the Lord learned of this he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?"

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ Jesus declared, "believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I, who speak to you - am he."



A SERIES ON FULFILLING THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Emmanuel Mission Statement

Relying on the enabling presence and power of God, our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to teach, baptize and disciple unto maturity in Christ.

1. Worship
2. Grow
3. Serve

Your Mission - Worship

3 Essentials to fulfilling the mission of the Church

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WHY WORSHIP?

What is worship:

What worship accomplishes:

Psalm 95:1-7

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Jesus and the Samaritan woman (John 4)

Worship in Spirit:

1. Personal:

2. In Community:

Worship in Truth:

Our worship must be based on _____ (John 14:6)

Why Sunday?

Heb 13:5

1. Read the mission statement of Emmanuel. Three essential elements to fulfilling this mission are to Worship, to Grow and to Serve. Briefly explain each one and why they are essential.
2. Worship isn't just coming to church and singing hymns or chorus's. Eugene Peterson says, "Worship is an act that develops feelings for God, not a feeling for God that is expressed in an act of worship. When we obey the command to praise God in worship, our deep, essential need to be in relationship with God is nurtured." Examine his statement and explain what he means.
3. The English word for worship actually comes from 'worth-ship'. Meaning, to place value or worth to something or someone. Our lives are centred around the things that are most important to us. When they fail, or let us down, we become dissatisfied, upset etc.
Worship of God places ultimate worth and value on God. How does worship bring us to the place where the one who satisfies completely, is put on the throne of our life and cause us to become fully satisfied?
4. Read Psalm 95:1-7. Verses 1 and 2 tell us to sing and praise God. Verses 3-5 tell us why - because of who God is.
Verse 6 tells us to bow down and worship, verse 7 tells us why - because of who God is to us.
Note also, that it is written in the plural. Worship is both personal and in community. Think about this passage and what it says about how and why you should worship.
5. Read Psalm 95:7b-11. This section refers to an incident that happened in Numbers 14, where the people rebelled against God, causing the people not to enter the promised land. True worship leads to a transformed life and brings us into the promised land of a relationship with Jesus Christ, now and for all eternity. How do you see worship transforming your life?
6. Read John 4:1-26 (back cover). Worship brings us into the presence of God. The Samaritan woman was intrigued by Jesus, but when He talked about her life, she talked about religion. Why did Jesus say to her, "true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth"?
How did this meeting with Jesus change her life? (Read verses 28-30)
7. All Christians are connected by the Holy Spirit, making us the, 'body of Christ', With this in mind, why is worship in community with other believers so important? Why Sunday?
8. Our worship must also be based on truth. It is no good to just be worshipping because our 'ancestors worshipped...', as the Samaritan woman suggested. Why is this so important?
Why is it so important that the Word of God is central to our worship services?