

A. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1: Title

Eternal Coordinates: Worship

John 4:16-26

Slide 2:

John 4:16-25 (ESV)

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship."

Slide 3:

John 4:21-26 (ESV)

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Slide 4:

I. What is worship?

II. Why is worship an essential characteristic of a church?

III. How does a church worship well?

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What is worship?

"proskuneo" = prostrate before a superior

Slide 6:

Worship in two parts:

Part 1: Seeing/acknowledging something greater than myself

Part 2: Reasonable/appropriate response to that greatness

Slide 7:

Seeing God for who He really is, so that we become more of who we are meant to be.

Worship = Worth ship

Slide 8:

Why is worship essential?

Because it's not an optional act for human beings

Slide 9:

How do I find the objects of my worship?

- 1) Where do you most effortlessly spend your resources?
- 2) Where do you feel the most fear in losing?

Slide 10:

We have become less fully human when we try to find glory in places where God has chosen to reflect His glory

Slide 11:

How does a church call people to worship?

- 1) In community

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How does a church call people to worship?

- 1) In community
- 2) In spirit and in truth (Jesus)

B. GROUP DISCUSSION

1) Read John 4 and talk about what stood out to you in the story of this encounter between Jesus and the woman from Samaria.

2) Worship first involves a relationship with God. One must first see or rightly value His worth. Secondly there will be automatic implications in relationship to a right evaluation of God. How much can we control either part of worship? What is our responsibility if any?

3) All humans were created to worship. Can you explain what that means? How does that work itself out in people's lives?

4) Why is worship in community so important? Why is it necessary?

5) Jesus was providing a way to worship that would not be available until He did on the cross. Explain the "way" that He was opening up that had not been open before?

6) Prayer and praise