

At The Well

- Opening Announcements
- Opening Prayer

Q: When you hear the word “worship”, what comes to mind?

Q: Have you noticed worship can be “controversial” or “divisive”? Why? Discuss....

Q: Have you ever seen worship unify and empower? How? Discuss....

Table Time:

READ: John 4:1-6 “Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ²(although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), ³ he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴ And he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. (About noon)”

Q: According to verse 1-2, why did Jesus leave Judea for Galilee? (i.e. headed north).

Q: What’s interesting to you about these verses? Why?

Q: Why do you think John records the time of day in verse 6? Why might that detail enhance the overall story?

READ: John 4:7-15 “A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will 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 will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

Q: Why is Jesus’ engagement strange to this woman?

Q: What’s interesting about verse 10? What does it mean? How is it an invitation?

Q: According to verses 11-12, what does this reveal about her thinking at this point? Why the appeal to Jacob?

Q: What is interesting about verse 13-14? Why might this be both confusing yet intriguing to the woman? What the heck does this mean?

Q: What is both interesting about her response in verse 15? Do you think she fully understands yet?

READ: John 4:16- 26 "Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."
 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 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. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 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." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Q: What's interesting about Jesus' approach in verse 16?

Q: Why is her honesty in verse 17 and Jesus answer in verse 18 important and how does Jesus use her openness to get at her "issues"?

Q: What WAS her "issue"?

Q: According to verse 19-20, the woman switches focus a little. What's she say about Jesus now?

Q: According to verse 21, How does Jesus address the differences between Samaritans and Jews and her beliefs?

Q: What's significant about verse 22? How is it true?

Q: What does verse 23-24 teach us?

Q: What does "Spirit and Truth" mean? What "Spirit" are we talking about? What "Truth" are we talking about?

Q: She asserts what she's been taught about Messiah in verse 25. How does Jesus address/answer that?

Q: How is Jesus ALWAYS the answer to questions about worship?

Tie It Together:

Q: What "WE" think about Worship, how does this encounter help us?

Q: Is worship about "style" or "form" necessarily? OR are "style and form" simply tools?

Q: The woman went back to town and told people to "come and see". How can worship equip for MISSION?

