

True Worship

John 4:19-34

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First Thoughts

- Have you ever been so thirsty it takes over everything? It takes over your focus, your priorities, and you don't care about anything else until that thirst is satisfied.
- What if a lot of our stress, pain, frustration, and even sin is actually misplaced thirst?
- We keep going to the same "wells" over and over again thinking they will satisfy us and they never do.
- That's where we find this woman in John 4.

We Avoid Heart Issues – vs. 19-26

- Jesus has exposed her "well" she keeps going to which is relationships.
- She tries to change the subject and Jesus brings it back to the issue of her heart.
- Often times we do this. We'd rather discuss things that don't matter then deal with the issues that are affecting our hearts.
- BUT, Jesus doesn't chase the distraction, he goes to the heart of the matter.
- True Worshippers worship in Spirit and Truth.
- Worship isn't about activity—its about affection and alignment.
- Jesus then shows his heart by revealing He is the Messiah to a broken, overlooked, outsider woman.
- This leads to an immediate change for the woman.

Encounter Leads to Change – vs. 27-30

- The disciples are confused.
- The woman leaves her water jar to tell everyone about the living water.
- She doesn't wait until she has her life together, she goes and immediately tells everyone about Jesus.
- THIS IS EVANGELISM.

Often Times, We Miss the Mission – vs. 31-34

- The disciples ask Jesus about food.
- The disciples are confused about Jesus' answer because they are focused on physical things and Jesus is focused on spiritual things.
- The disciples miss it.
- There are people in our life who are spiritually hungry and, often times, we miss our mission.
- But Jesus tells us, just as he tells the disciples, that the harvest is NOW.

Final Thoughts

- This woman at the well came for physical water and received spiritual water.
- We often times keep going to the same wells over and over again thinking that they will satisfy and they never do.
- Jesus offers us a deep, full well that truly satisfies.
- He offers life transformation. He offers himself.
- Jesus gives us new life.
- What is the well you keep going to to fill you up, to quench a thirst that only Jesus can truly satisfy?