

“Understanding the Worship of the Church- A Call to Focus” 11-22-09

John 4:1-42

Sermon Series- “Understanding the Nature and Function of the Church”

Background of Series- Why the church matters, Oneness of the body, gifts of the body, our witness

Worshipful attitude- the love, adoration, or honor given to a superior being

POINT 1- Genuine and authentic worship was ABSENT

- A. The woman was going through the motions and was not CONNECTED (peripherals- people, music, song selection, mode of worship, distractions)

Isaiah 1:11-14

- B. The woman’s absent worship was SELF-CENTERED *give me water; 5 husb* (2 Cor 5:15; Col 1:16; Heb 2:10; 1 Cor 8:6- is it a priority? On time?)

“...All things were created through Him and for Him.” (Colossians 1:16)

Going God wants us to be connected and focused on Him as a priority!

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POINT 2- Genuine and authentic worship was EXPLAINED

- A. Jesus explained that the Father is seeking TRUE WORSHIPPERS

- B. Jesus explained that authentic worship is in SPIRIT AND TRUTH (Matthew 22:34-40; Mind, Soul, Strength, Heart; Matt 5:21-23; 18:35)

“For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” (Matthew 4:10)

Going God wants us to respond to His seeking by giving Him EVERYTHING

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POINT 3- Genuine and authentic worship was OFFERED

- A. Jesus offered authentic worship through the truth of His MESSIAHSHIP (Isaiah 49:6; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Philippians 2:1-10)

- B. Jesus showed that authentic worship is CONTAGIOUS

Going God wants us to focus on Him alone and to see Himself be glorified!

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“to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.” (Eph 3:21)