



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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“My Life is Not My Own - Worship”

John 4:1-26

Warm-Up Question:

When was a time in your life that you felt trapped? Who or what were used by God to help rescue you?

- What was one idea that captured your attention or affected you from Sunday's sermon?
- Imagine the narrative from the Samaritan woman's perspective. Do you identify with her? What emotions were felt? How does this emphasize the story in a new way?
- On Sunday we sang the song "As the deer" which says "as the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after thee." Where are you in your faith journey? Do you sense a deep longing after God or do you feel apathetic towards him?
- The essence of worship is to ascribe worth to something. Where do you ascribe worth? Where do you put weight on things that cannot handle it?
- We all look for life (living water) in things or people outside of the real God. We worship money, material things, our own bodies and beauty, intellect, control, power, and so on. What are your "default" idols that are unconscious?
- Do you ever doubt that Jesus gives us the only living water? What obstacles or doubts seem in the way?
- How might Jesus' actions towards the Samaritan woman be a model for us towards those we think are unclean, sinful, or outsiders?

Sermon Points:

Christ-centered worship is the means by which God satisfies souls.

1. Worship when your life is your own

- If we don't get what we're pursuing, we feel desperate.
- When we do get what we're pursuing, we feel desperate too
- Ravi Zacharias: "The loneliest moment in life is when you have just experienced that which you thought would deliver the ultimate & it has just let you down."

2. Worship when your life is not your own

- It is through a growing relationship that we find that God has provided everything our hearts long for in Christ!

3. Christ-centered worship as a way of life

- Special Presence: *we are in God's presence in a special way during Sunday worship*
- Special Promises: *we are fueled by God's special promises during personal/family worship*
- Special Pattern: *we are equipped to live a Christ-centered life by utilizing Sunday's pattern*