

FROM WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Text: John 4:1-42

Series: *Christianity . . . What is it Anyway?*

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“By this we may be sure that we are in Christ: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.”

1 John 2:5b-6 (ESV)

Do you practice GENUINE WELCOME?

Just then his disciples arrived. They were astonished to find him talking to a woman, but none of them asked him why he was doing it or what they had been discussing. John 4:27 (NLT)

Now the . . . sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." Luke 15:1-2 (ESV)

- **Welcome RISKS offense for the sake of others**

Does your life reflect God's LIVING WORD?

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . . And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us . . . full of grace and truth. John 1:1, 14 (ESV)

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony And many more believed because of his word. John 4:39, 41 (ESV)

- **God's Word in you & through you CHANGES lives**

Have you embraced the SERVANT'S WAY?

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work." John 4:34 (ESV)

"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant" Philippians 2:5-7 (ESV)

"If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash each other's feet." John 13:14 (ESV)

- **Serving others is a Way of LIFE & a Way of LOVE**

Are you part of God's TRANSFORMING WITNESS?

"Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." John 4:35 (ESV)

"You are the salt of the earth You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:13a, 14a (ESV)

"You will be my witnesses . . . to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8 (ESV)

- **All of life IS witness; the question is what KIND?**

Do you long for AUTHENTIC WORSHIP?

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." John 4:21-24 (ESV)

- **Not primarily about a particular PLACE**
- **Not defined by a particular FORM or STYLE**
- **Mediated not by true LAWS but by true LOVE**
- **Is HONEST and without PRETENSE**
- **Both SEEKS and REVEALS God's presence**
- **Is the COMMUNION of Spirit with spirit**

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

--2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)--