



**Right Definitions For The Right Results, Part 3  
(Redefining Worship)**

**June 22, 2022**

- 1. True Worship Defined
- 1. True Worships Location (They met at the well)
- 2. True Worships Boundaries (It crossed all ethnicities and genders)
- 3. True Worship was Infectious (Other people started believing)

**Text: John 4:23–26 (NIV):**

**Question: How can this story help us?**

**Answer:** It makes us more inclusive and embracing

**I. True Worship Defined and Described**

**John 4: 23**

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the **true worshipers will worship** the Father **in the Spirit and in truth**, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” 25 The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” 26 Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

**Note:**

- A. True worship is genuine (or true)
- B. True worship is spiritual (God sensitive)

**Four Observations About True Worship**

**1. True Worship Is Noticed** (The growth of his influence was noticed)

- John 4:1–42 (NIV): 4 Now Jesus learned that **the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John**—2 although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. 3 So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

**2. True Worship Was Outside (by a Well Outside)**

- 4 Now he had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 **Jacob’s well** was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

**3. True Worship Reaches Across Boundaries (Jews, Gentiles and Samaritans)**

- 7 When a **Samaritan** woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)
- 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “**You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman.** How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

**4. True Worship Is Infectious**

- 28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 29 “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” 30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him. 39 **Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony**, “He told me everything I ever did.” 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. 41 And because of his words many more became believers.
- **42 They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”**

**Prime Questions: How do you broaden the definition of worship beyond the traditional view?**

**Answer:**

- Let people **sample** another way to engage Christ in their cultural language
- **Teach** them what Jesus taught by his life choices
- Use Acts 2:46-47 and emphasize how often and where they worshipped

“46 **Every day** they continued to meet together **in the temple courts**. They broke bread **in their homes** and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

## Q/A Time

**Next Series: June 2022**

Redefining **Family** (How to heal a broken family)

**Big Questions:**

- What is your family life like up close?
- Has family life turned out to be what you expected?
- Who in the Bible had a troubled family (Jacob)

**Next Time Text: Genesis 49:1–28 (NIV):**