

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Every Praise, That's Why We Praise Him, Fill My Cup Lord

WELCOME

Thirst Quencher. What is your favorite thirst quencher?

WORD

JOHN 4:7-15

⁷ There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."⁸ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. ⁹ Therefore the Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." ¹¹ She said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water? ¹² You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?" ¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw."

Looking for happiness in the wrong places, we often become cynical and skeptical. The problem is that we confuse pleasure with happiness. Pleasure never satisfies. Despite success, fame, wealth, power or influence, one may still feel empty and alone.

Blaise Pascal said, "There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ."

Our heart will be restless unless it finds God. The Bible provides the answer for true happiness.

JESUS FULLY SATISFIES (JOHN 4:1-18)

Jesus left Judea to go to Galilee, passing through Samaria. This was unusual; Jews disliked Samaritans. In Samaria, Jesus became tired and sat beside Jacob's well, where a woman came to draw water.

Jesus took the initiative to talk to her, asking for a drink, even though it was not customary for men to address women directly, much less a Samaritan. Jesus broke racial, gender and social barriers of His time by doing this.

Jesus loves us. He will meet us wherever and whoever we may be. He takes the initiative to speak to us and answer our questions.

Jesus connected with the Samaritan woman by identifying her need for water. He then transitioned to the spiritual need for living water that will fully satisfy. He pointed out that she was searching for happiness in the wrong places. Jesus brought her heart issue to the surface by asking her to call her husband. He showed that despite her past relationships, despite the relationship she was in, she was unable to find real love and happiness.

In life, we have real problems and superficial problems. Like the Samaritan woman, we compromise in our search for happiness or love. Often the root cause of our real problem is idolatry.

Idolatry is anything that we seek to give us what only God can give. Our idol could be our spouse, children, work, business, ministry, reputation or even our self. When we make something or someone our idol, we are doomed to be disappointed. Even the best husband, wife, children, parents, friend or leader will fail us because no one can take the place of God.

Our idol is anything that controls us. When it is taken away from us, we think our life will fall apart. When temporal things become the ultimate satisfaction, they become our idol. Stop making things your idols; material things cannot satisfy us. Only God should be our highest love, as Jesus alone fully satisfies.

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COME TO HIM (JOHN 4:19-39)

True worshipers worship God in spirit and in truth. This means being sincerely worshiping and understanding God in the truth of the Bible.

Jesus revealed Himself to the Samaritan woman, who was desperately and sincerely seeking the truth. The woman was so excited with what she heard from Jesus that she left her water pot and immediately went to the city to tell others about her encounter with Jesus. Her priorities and perspective changed.

Once we experience the fullness of Christ, it becomes the most important thing in our life and we will want to tell everybody about Him. But we will not be able

to tell others about Jesus if we have not experienced for ourselves the fullness of life in Him. Jesus delighted in God. His joy was to do the will and the work of the Father (v.34). He satisfies our real need, just like what He did for the Samaritan woman.

Is this also your joy, to do the will and the work of God in your life? Look around you. People need the Lord. They are hungry and thirsty for God. Because of the testimony of the Samaritan woman, many people in the city believed in Jesus (v.39). He can use ordinary people like the Samaritan woman, like you.

Today is harvest time. If you have truly tasted the fullness of Jesus, are you willing to share it with others today?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

- 1. Living Water.** What living water was Jesus referring to when He mentioned it to the Samaritan woman?
- 2. The Pursuit.** What are your primary pursuits in life? Are you able to achieve them?
- 3. Taste and See.** Have you truly experienced the fullness of God? How do you intend to share it to others?

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HARVEST TIME

"Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest." – John 4:35

It is harvest season. If farmers do not harvest on time, the fruits will rot and will go to waste. This is also true for us Christians. We must all go and join the harvest! Volunteer and participate to seize the moment to share with others the fullness of God in your life.

God will accomplish His work with or without you. But wouldn't it be a joy and privilege for you to be part of His workmanship? Prayerfully think about it today. After all, you are saved to serve.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends