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Read John 4:3-42

Jesus was alone when the woman came to draw water because the disciples had gone into the village to buy food. They were surprised to see Jesus speaking with a woman and curious why He didn’t want anything to eat. Jesus said: “‘I have a kind of food you know nothing about.’ ‘Did someone bring Him food while we were gone?’ the disciples asked each other. Then Jesus explained: ‘My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing His work’” (John 4:33-34).

1. Physical appetite did not drive Jesus. How does worship (abiding in the Lord’s presence in spirit and in truth) keep our appetites in check?

Spending time with the Lord daily and gathering with other worshipers weekly should make a difference in our lives. Devoted followers have work to do. How does worship keep you focused on the mission of Christ?

Inspirational and incarnational worship is a core value here at Christ Church. The Lord tells us to come before Him with joyful singing and to acknowledge that He is God, not us (see Psalm 100). Making the effort to gather corporately not only blesses God’s heart, but inspires us on this journey of faith. Meeting together reminds us God is in control and we are not alone in this world. We have a Savior who loves us dearly and brothers and sisters who care about us, as well.

2. How has worship with other believers inspired you to stay on path?

Heaven ordained this meeting at the well in the village of Sychar, just as heaven oversees every event across the landscape of time—including your life and my life. Worship becomes incarnational when Jesus meets us individually, at a deep personal level. Do you know Jesus intimately? There is nothing like the mysterious love relationship that He offers in the secret place of your heart. The Lord knows everything about you—all your past just like the woman at the well, all your future just like the eternal destinies at stake of the people in the village—and He loves you.

3. The Father is looking for those who will worship Him in Spirit and in truth. Will you lean into His Spirit now and come before Him in truth? He’s waiting.

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