

Teaching Notes

John 4:12-22 (Spirit & Truth)

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This is a follow-up series from Romans 8 (Reformed & Revived). We will learn the acceptable way God desires to be worshipped. We will examine verse by verse through the book of John, chapter 4.

John 4

23 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. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Today we will see the conversation between Jesus and the woman, and how to deal with sin.

John 4:12-22

12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

- **Give Me This Water** – The woman did not understand what Jesus was saying here.

Hosea 4:6a *My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge...*

- **What you have said is true** – The woman understood what Jesus was saying about her life was true. Anytime Jesus ministers, he addresses sin. Cf. John 5:1-14; 8:1-11

Hosea 4:6 b *...Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children.*

"Too many Christians are educated beyond their level of obedience." Joel Ramsey

Walking in Spirit and truth means always being ready to deal with sin.

Conviction – recognizing the sin. Cf. John 16:8; 2 Corinthians 7:10-11

- Worldly sorrow – is the sorrow of self-pity, getting caught, and over the consequences sin brings.
- Godly sorrow – is a heart-felt conviction that we have offended God by our sin.

Confession – admitting the sin to the Lord and confession to one another (accountability). Cf. 1 John 1:8-10; James 5:15-16

Repentance – change of mind about sin through renewing your mind in truth. Cf. Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 5:26

Freedom – walking in the power of Spirit to not sin. Cf. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18