



Authentic Worship in Changing Times John 4 : 19-26

- **Context: Discussion between Jesus and Samaritan Woman at the well**

- There are several questions that most people want answered each day.
- 1. Who am I?
- 2. Where am I?
- 3. Where am I going?

John 4: 19-26 is an account where those questions are addressed.

- **John 4: 19-20: Who Am I?..... Where Am I?**

- We need to acknowledge the truth about ourselves.
- It is important to recognise where we stand.
It is significant that we acknowledge who has lived on the land where we now dwell. This is why “Acknowledgement of Country” is an important issue in many parts of the World including Australia.

- **John 4:21-24: Where Am I Going?**

- Worshipping God in Spirit and Truth is a way to face the Future

- **John 4:25-26: Acknowledge Christ**

- True Worship involves an honest acknowledgement of Christ

- **Application**

- ***Authentic Christians know who they are.***

Do you know who you are in Christ?

- ***Authentic Christians are honest about where they stand and whose Ancestral land it is.***

Are you willing to recognise the original custodians of this land whom God allowed to settle here before we did? If not, we fail to recognise God’s sovereignty.

- ***Authentic Christians are humble enough to acknowledge the Lord’s Authority and leading.***

Are you willing to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord? Are you willing to follow him?

Prayer (on next page)



Prayer To Worship In Spirit And Truth

Dear Lord Jesus, I love and worship You for all that You have done for us, and Lord I long to worship You in spirit and in truth, just as You told the woman at the well. Thank You for making me in Your own image, and for all the many blessings and benefits that You have bestowed on me. Lord, I want to surrender to You completely. To present myself as a living sacrifice before You each day. To take up my cross daily and present myself to You as my spiritual act of worship, for You alone are worthy. You alone are the Lord.

Open my eyes to see You more. Open my ears to hear Your still small voice and open my heart to worship You more and more so that I may grow in grace and in a knowledge of my Lord Jesus Christ, in Whose name I pray,

Amen.

