





The Law of Mission

**Real Church Growth Starts with
a Culture of Mission not Worship**



CHURCH



The Seven "Laws" of Real Church Growth

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I know Sunday mornings are important

Some of that is study for future sermons

Some of that is preparing for this week's sermon

Some of it is administrative

Some of it is people related

I am not the only one spending time

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**But it's important because Sunday morning
worship is the focal point of our church experience.**

**When I outreach, and say come to church this is
what I mean but should it be?**

**“If you start your culture with mission,
you get worshippers, if you start your
culture with worship, you get worship services”**

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Jesus on Worship

In the Gospels, lots of people worshipped Jesus

**Never once did Jesus give specific instructions
on how to worship**

**He did scold the Pharisees for insincere worship
(Matthew 5:8-9)**

He also stressed who we are to worship (Matthew 4:10)

True Worshipers: John 4:20-24

Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 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. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

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Spirit and Truth (v. 23-24)

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The Woman's Focus Changed

**What caught her attention in Jesus' answer is "for
salvation is from the Jews"**

**The woman said, "I know that Messiah"
(called Christ) "is coming. When he comes,
he will explain everything to us."**

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Immediately Jesus turned it back to mission

***Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you —
I am he.”***

v. 26

**When this woman said Messiah,
Jesus said you found him**

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Mission Broke Out (v. v. 23-24)

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

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**Jesus uses it as a teachable moment on
the idea of mission not worship (v. 35-38)**

**As the crowd came Jesus told them to open
their eyes to the people's biggest need**

**Jesus talked about harvest: Sow and reap
not about Singing and rituals**

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Mission is Fulfilled and Worship Naturally Followed

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So, when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. 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."

v. 39-42

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It's not about a number or quota (Many)

They came not because of worship but because of testimony

It got personal

**And they did not want more worship, they wanted
more Jesus**

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**When Worship is the focus Church is a place
you go instead of going people**

**When Worship is the focus Church is about
time spent instead of about eternity preached**

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**When Worship is the focus, it becomes about
inspiration and enjoyment not pleasing God**

**What excites God is real restored
relationship not staged worship**

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When Worship is the focus, it becomes a programmed event not a restoring experience

That is because Worship was never to be the focal point but the after effect of mission