

myChurch

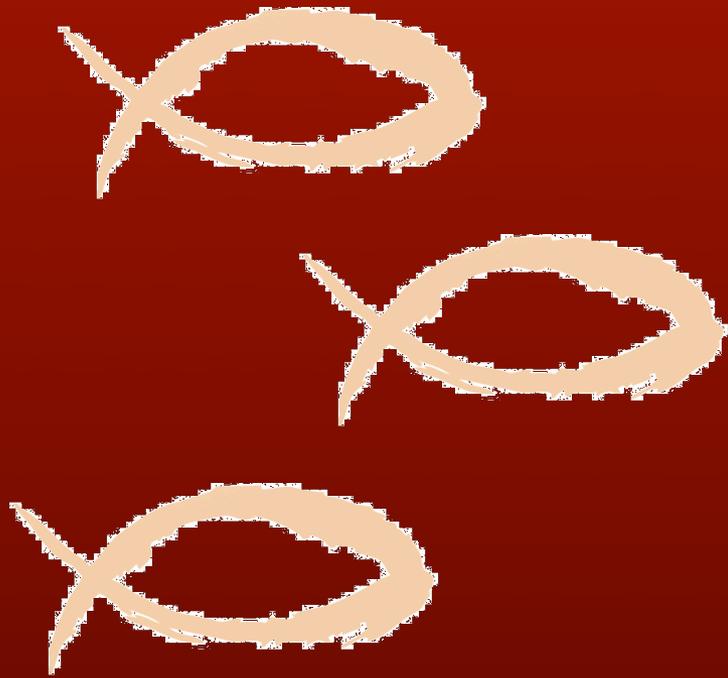
“...True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.”

Jesus, in John 4:23

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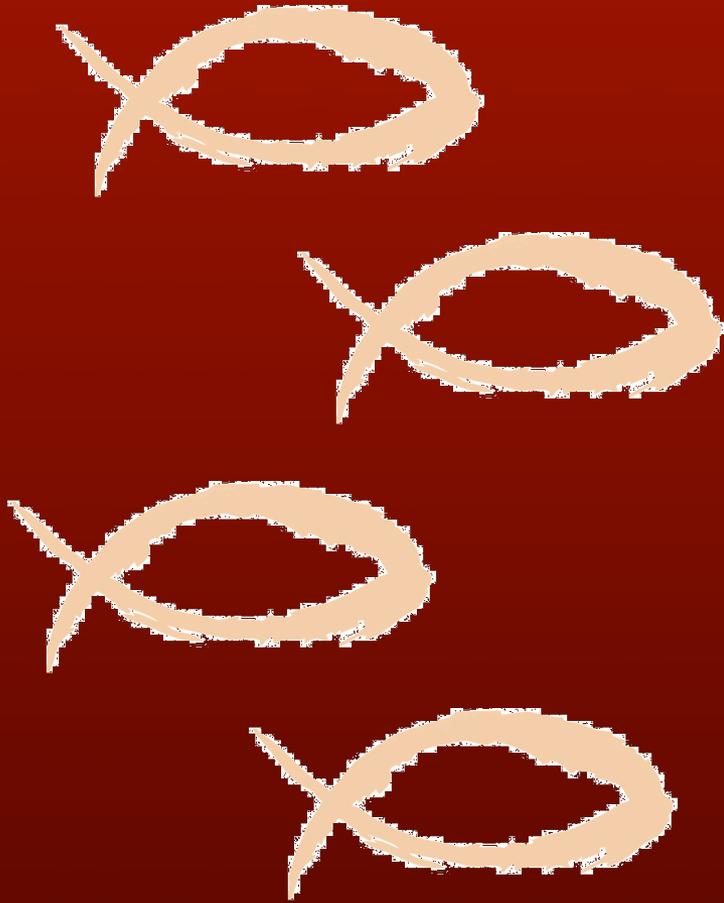


Question:
“Is **myChurch**
in you?”



What is **myChurch**?

myChurch is...



Jesus' church...

To which I belong...

As an extension of
Him...

That has at least these

4 characteristics...

- Jesus-encounter
- Honest Dialogue
- Transforming Worship
- “Natural” Growth



We
get to see
myChurch
through a
very unique
encounter
with Jesus
as recorded
in John
4:1-42.

Jesus-encounter...



Unprecedented trip...

- “[Jesus] had to go through Samaria,” v. 4

Unbiased meeting...

- “It was about the sixth hour,”
v. 6

Uninhibited talk...

- “[Jesus asked the woman,] ‘Will you give me a drink?’ The Samaritan woman said to [Jesus], ‘You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman...’”

Jesus-encounter...



myChurch
happens as we
keep meeting
Jesus!

Honest Dialogue...



Afraid of nothing...

- “Jews do not associate with Samaritans” v. 9

Ask anything...

- Why aren't you prejudiced? v. 9
- Where can I get help? v. 11
- Who's greater than culture? v. 12
- Where must we worship? v. 20
- Who is Messiah? v. 25

Argue if you must...

- This story has 8-10 debatable

Honest Dialogue...



myChurch
happens as we
bring life-
questions to

Transforming Worship ...



Worship soul-hope...

- “to bend forward to kiss...
[the hand of the king]”
- ascribe honor, glory, worth
- inspire hope, vvs. 21-24

Spirit God-responding...

- “breath, animating presence”
- God-given life at creation

Truth moral action...

- “wholly trustworthy,
corresponding with
moral righteousness”

Transforming Worship ...



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happens when
our whole being
experiences and
extends the hope
that Jesus gives!

“Natural” Growth...



Insight changes...

- “Jew,” v. 9
- “Sir,” [man] v. 11
- “prophet,” v. 19
- “Messiah,” vvs. 25-26
- “Savior of the world,” v. 42

Inhibitions vanish...

- “He told me everything I ever did...” v. 39

Influence grows...

- “Many believed in Him because of the woman’s

“Natural” Growth...



myChurch can't
help but grow in
you, me and
others because
Jesus is our very
center!



myChurch
understands,
“Open your eyes
and look at the
fields [of people
streaming toward
myChurch]. The
fields [people] are
ripe for the harvest
[becoming
myChurch],” v. 35.



“Get
myChurch
in you!”



Father...

I admit that it's easy and natural for me to expect this church to be an extension of me and myCulture.

Jesus. Please change my heart and mind so that **myChurch** is your church, the church you envisioned.

Holy Spirit. Transform me and everyone around me to let this church be **myChurch** to your honor and glory.

Amen.