

GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

Warm Up

What is one simple act of kindness that has stuck with you over the years?

Review

Read John 4:5-26 and look over the sermon outline on the back of the worship folder. What stood out to you from the sermon?

Jesus went

Why do you think Jesus chose to meet the Samaritan woman where she was instead of expecting her to come to him? What does that tell us about God's heart for people?

Meeting her in her Shame

Why is it important that Jesus approached her in the middle of that shame rather than waiting for her life to be "fixed" first? How does this shape the way we think about God's grace? And, what does that tell us about how can meet people where they are at?

Darkness

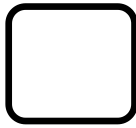
If Jesus didn't come to us, we'd still be in the darkness or our own sin and understanding. In what ways do people today still live in their own darkness? What needs to happen for that to change?

Starting a Conversation

Jesus started the conversation with a simple request for water and gradually led that conversation to deeper spiritual truths. What can we learn from the way Jesus moved the conversation from everyday life to eternal matters? How might that guide our conversations with others about faith? Let's practice it. Come up with a way to turn a conversation about the weather to ultimately talking about Jesus.

Don't Expect Perfection

Meeting people where they are at means that we can't expect perfection first. What might this look like in our small group or church? What attitudes or barriers might prevent us from doing this well?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

Look Out! Jesus Is Coming!



CONTEXT


Sychar: ancient Shechem, Jacob's well (1906 B.C.)
30 miles N of Jerusalem

Samaritan: "mixed race", mixed religion,
Jewish blood AND ... **despised**

Woman at the Well: 5 former husbands,
living with a guy, 1st person to whom
Jesus revealed himself as Messiah (?)




THOUGHT #1

Jesus'  is set on _____

Thank God we are in church today...

THOUGHT #2

Jesus'  is set on _____

Was Jesus ever "soft" on sin?

Next Steps

John 13:35 – "Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

- T/F The primary purpose of "loving one another" is to STAND OUT...to be seen.
- A **disciple** of Jesus is a **learner** in "how to love." Is this *learning* "once and done" or lifelong?
_____ On a value scale of **1 to 5**, how important to you is weekly worship in "learning how to love?"
- **Ponder:** *People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.* **How did Jesus live this truth with the woman at the well?**