

Life Group Homework

JOHN 4:1-24 – AN UNLIKELY WOMAN MEETS THE MESSIAH

Getting Started:

1. When you encounter someone during your day and strike up a conversation with them how do you determine whether you will talk to them about God? Are there certain characteristics that discourage you from sharing? Are there certain characteristics that make it easy to share?

Digging In:

For the origins of the Samaritans you can read *2 Kings 17:24-41*.
(Note: verses 34-40 are referring to Israel).

1. When Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman he was breaking three of society's barriers; the gender barrier, the cultural barrier and the religious barrier. What other barriers to social interaction are there in our society? Which of these barriers is the most difficult for you to cross?
2. What might Jesus have known and understood that allowed him to push past these barriers without hesitation?
3. Knowing the various barriers Jesus is crossing and understanding the life situation of the Samaritan woman (which is unpacked in this passage), is it shocking that Jesus tells her that he would give her living water simply because she requests it?

8. Jesus says that the Father is seeking “such people” to worship Him, namely those who worship Him in spirit and in truth. What is necessary to become “such people” and what is not necessary? (Note: think back to the discussion of society’s barriers.)

Living It Out:

1. Would you have offered such a precious gift to a Samaritan woman?

2. Who might be like the “Samaritan woman” in our day and age?

3. When do we come across those who are like her?

4. Do our responses to those in our lives that are like the Samaritan woman demonstrate that we believe God can give them ‘the gift of God’ and transform anyone into someone who could worship the Father in spirit and truth?

NOTE TO LEADERS:

PLEASE DO NOT FEEL THAT YOU HAVE TO GET THROUGH ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS. FEEL FREE TO SELECT THOSE QUESTIONS THAT BEST FIT YOUR GROUP AND ONLY FOCUS ON THOSE. MAY GOD BLESS YOUR STUDY!