



INTRODUCTION

PASSAGES

Genesis 1, 3:1-22, John 4:1-26

PREPARE

1. Before leading your group into studying the passage, take some time to study and pray through the passage yourself.
2. Consider these questions.
 - In what way(s) is God portrayed as a missional God
 - In what ways did the first humans bear God's image by participating in the mission that God gave to them?
 - How did Eve's three conclusions compare to the mission God gave to Adam & Eve?
 - In what ways did the Fall change mankind's ability or desire to follow God's original defined mission for humans?
 - Man's choice distorted God's original intent of man bearing his image. What truths in these verses point to God's mission to restore man as his image bearers?
 - What motivated the woman to go to the well?
 - How did Jesus go about God's mission of restoring the woman as an image bearer?
 - What are some fundamental conclusions you can draw from this text about God and people with respect to mission?

DISCUSS

1. Open the door for any initial discussion, questions, or comments about the teaching.
2. Identify the truths in this passage related to the following principles:
 - God is missional.
 - People were created to be on mission.

- God defined the mission for people.
- Man chose his own mission over God's mission.
- God began a mission to restore people as image bearers.
- Locate and use at least one other biblical example of people on mission
- Lead the House Church through examples of missional living today. You may want to give an example and then elicit others from the group.

APPLY

1. Review the core principles from the study.
2. Share your own personal reflections/convictions related to missional living.
3. Lead others in identifying their current mission(s). The point here is to spur on some thinking that will allow the Holy Spirit to bring about some conviction.
4. Help the group realize that God has a mission and invites all people to align their lives to his mission. You could present the gospel here in the following way: "The first step in aligning your life to God's mission is to come into a relationship with Him...."
5. Project where the group is heading over the next several weeks by saying something like the following: "Over the next several weeks, we will be investigating in more detail God's mission and how we can align our lives to His mission. God is looking for people who desire to make their lives about his mission. Would you consider this for your life?"