

Inspiring Christlikeness
John 4:4-42

10/29/23

POINT: In Jesus we KNOW REAL Life and TRUE Worship that Inspires Christlikeness

1. How did Sunday's message challenge or encourage you?

In what ways can we identify with the Samaritan woman or find personal encouragement in the way Jesus treats her, offering her water that is not of the world and inviting her to messianic worship that is beyond mountains that divide Jew and Samaritan?

2. Read John 4:7-15. Discuss the importance of water. How is its importance significant to Jesus' offer of living water?

Given the improprieties of this meeting, expressed in v9, what should we learn about Jesus from what He tells her in v10? For extra reflection, read John 7:37-39.

3. Read v16-20. Do you think that she's deflecting, or (given her view of messiah in v25 and view of Jesus, "a prophet"), that she's genuinely interested in the spiritual insight of this man who told her of things only she herself knew?

4. Read v23-26. What does it tell us, that Jesus invites a Samaritan woman to worship the Father in spirit and truth, a fact that is confirmed when Jesus reveals to her that He, the one speaking to her, is the Messiah, who "declares all things" (v25)?
5. What does it mean "to worship in spirit and truth"? What would this kind of true worship look like in our life? For extra reflection, read John 2:14-22.
6. Why did the Samaritan leave her "water jar" in v28? Discuss what you think that signifies.