

SUNDAY RECAP

In our **Living on Mission** series, we're focusing on the idea of **transformation** - the heart of where God is leading Fair Oaks Church in this next season. On Sunday we continued in John 4, unpacking the transformative encounter a Samaritan woman had with Jesus. Before you begin, take a moment together to pause and invite the Holy Spirit to guide hearts and conversations.

KEY PASSAGE: John 4:27-42

OPTIONAL ICEBREAKER: See if anyone in your group can recall our church mission.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. **Transformation leads to testimony** - In verses 28–30, the woman immediately tells others about Jesus. What motivates her to speak to others and moves her from isolation to community?
2. **"Come and see"** - How does this simple yet powerful invitation in John's Gospel resonate with you and your view of evangelism?
3. **God is already at work:** In verses 35–38, Jesus says the fields are already ripe for harvest. What does that suggest about God's role versus our role in mission? How does this reshape the way you think about sharing faith or living on mission?
4. Tim Keller says, **"You don't change simply by knowing what's right, but by changing what you love."** Where might Jesus be inviting you into deeper transformation, not just new behavior, but a shift in love or desire?

Application: As a group, consider one simple practice for the week:

- **Pray** daily for one person God may already be drawing.
- **Notice** where God seems to be at work around you.
- **Practice presence:** listening well and engaging honestly, like Jesus did at the well.

Stories of Transformation: Throughout this series, we've been hearing personal stories of transformation from members of the vision team and elders. Consider these questions in the coming weeks...

- As you've listened to stories shared, what has stood out to you?
- Where can you see that God has been at work forming you?
- If someone asked you, *"How has Jesus changed you?"* how would you begin to answer?

Practice Sharing: If time allows, invite someone in the group to share a testimony of their own transformation (or plan to share at a future meeting).

- Reflect on where transformation has happened (or is happening) in your life
- Share by starting with *"One way I see Jesus forming me is"*

GROUP PRAYER TIME: Share any personal requests before praying together. Pray for openness to personal transformation and the courage to live on mission by noticing opportunities to point others to Him.



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John 4:27-42

MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE

Fair Oaks Church Sermon Podcast (Apple Podcasts & Spotify) to listen to just the message. Check out **Cutting Room Floor** episodes that further unpack sermons and insights from preachers.

UPCOMING EVENTS Learn more at fairoaks.church/events

- 1/30: **Sisterhood Women's Gathering** | 6:30-8p | RSVP at fairoaks.church/events
- 2/5: **WFO Brunch** | 9:30-11:30a | FLC, AMC | Speaker: Rachel Schottky
- 2/7: **Vision Deep Dive** | 8:45a-12p | Fair Oaks Church (Room TBA)
- 2/8: **Food Drive** | Bring donations to Worship Center lobby
- 2/11: **Hope Gathering for Widows** | 6-8p | Dinner & Fellowship | FLC
- 2/13: **Food Distribution at FO/OV Food Bank** | 9a-12:30p | Volunteers Needed | Sign up at fairoaks.church/events
- 2/15-2/22 **WINTER GUEST HOUSE** | Volunteers Needed to help us host unhoused neighbors through HART Organization | Sign up at fairoaks.church/events
- 2/18: **Ash Wednesday** | Self-guided prayer & ashes

