



OPENING QUESTION: Ask the GROUP to talk about someone they know who's testimony has really impacted their life. What about it was so inspiring to them?

READ John 4:1-15. Then ask the following questions...

Why was this meeting between Jesus' and the Samaritan woman such a BIG deal?

Why do you think Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink?

READ John 4:16-26 Then talk about the following...

Why do you think Jesus didn't tell her right away that He was the Messiah?

When Jesus asked about her husband it seemed to hit a nerve with her. She changed the subject and began to talk about the differences between the way the Jews worshipped and the way the Samaritans worshipped.

How did Jesus respond to that?

THE REVEAL (v. 25-26): Jesus chooses to REVEAL that He is the Messiah to this broken, disregarded, socially condemned woman. This is the first time in the Bible that He comes right out and says that He is the Christ (Messiah).

Why do you think this was the way He planned on revealing who He was?

READ John 4:27-30 Then talk about the following...

When the disciples returned they saw Jesus talking to a SAMARITAN and a WOMAN!

Jesus' example has to challenge the prejudice of His disciples. Have you ever dealt with a prejudice of a particular person or people group? Do you still feel the same way?

We learn from Jesus that He is MOST concerned with people knowing how to worship His Father.

NOTE: In Jesus's Kingdom there is no racism, there is no division, there is no gender divide, and there is no ethnic divisions.

And if there is NONE of those things in heaven and we are called to proclaim and bring the kingdom of God "on earth as it is in heaven"... Then those things cannot exist in our hearts, in our homes and they cannot exist in our communities!

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TAKE TIME TO PRAY: Pray for each other and the concerns and needs you have as a group to close your time!

Ask God to reveal if there are any things that cause you to not proclaim the Good News of Jesus to any particular people group. (Young people. Old People. Certain ethnicities. People who do particular things that you see as sinful.)

HOUSEKEEPING:

Encourage your group to look at the dates for ***SERVE TEAM Trainings*** that are coming up on the app and make it a point to sign up for the ones that apply to them!

Only a few spots left for the ***SISTERHOOD Retreat!***

Pray for our launch for ***AWANA*** this week!

EXTRA READING: We DIDN'T get to JOHN 4:43-54.

Encourage the group to get to it on their own in their personal time with God.