



Literacy Check

- **John 4:1-42** - The Samaritan woman at the well.

Let's Break the Ice

What interesting skill do you want to learn and why?

Introduction

What would your life be like if Jesus only went to places that were culturally approved and spoke to people who were ceremonially clean?

A Good Idea

Think of someone, or a group of someones, who you would not normally think to invite to church. Be prepared to challenge your group with **specific** invitations to Christmas and help encourage people to follow through by setting a timeline or check-in to make the invitation happen.

Things to Ponder

Jesus led his followers, all of them Jewish, into some of the “roughest” neighborhoods that their imaginations could conjure. Jesus would use the “societal dogs” of the Jewish people, known as the Samaritans, in many lessons to teach about acceptance, God’s grace and mercy, and to challenge the very human status quo.

With the story of the woman at the well, your group has an opportunity to think about how Jesus has met each of them where they are and what that can mean for someone else who hasn’t met Jesus yet. We get comfortable thinking that God can only or will only interact with people in certain, familiar ways. It’s really important to be reminded that God created everything from nothing...so we have not seen the end of His creativity or just how far He will go to bring His children back to Him.

Discuss with your group some of the aspects of the story that stand out to them and related them to outreach and our part in it.

Wrapping Up

Hopefully each group member took a wristband on Sunday and wrote a name on it to invite to Christmas. Be praying with your group about that person and inviting them to church for Christmas. If group members did not participate, it’s time to encourage to think of someone and challenge them to invite that “one person they wouldn’t normally invite” before your next meeting or the week after.