



July 30, 2023 – Sermon Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER

1. Do highs and lows from the last week!
2. Name a time you had to do something, or go somewhere you didn't want to go, and it ended being a good experience.

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER

1. Review the message –
 - a. Jesus had to go to Samaria, not because it was easy, but because it gave him an opportunity to break down cultural barriers with Samaritans.
 - b. There are people, places, and moments God will call us to that are uncomfortable and difficult. But it is in those times God actually wants to grow us, and bless us and others.
2. Read John 4:1-10
 - a. Why was it important for Jesus to go through Samaria when it would have been a place Jews like him would have walked around?
 - b. The good news of salvation for all people matters for us as individuals but the bible also makes it clear that the good news is about uniting divided people groups as well (Galatians 3:28). How do you see the good news of Jesus making unity possible among divided people groups?
 - c. Coming back to our icebreaker question... can you name some other times you had to go somewhere or be with someone that was hard for you and why? What was God trying to do in you through that?
3. Read John 4:16-42
 - a. By calling out her sexual sin Jesus was also calling her to leave behind that life and pick up something new. In your past what has Jesus convicted you to leave behind? You can be as open as you want to answering this question. It could be something as simple as a character defect or more serious sin that God has brought you out of.
 - b. Nigel said God may take you through Samaria to show you what's possible. Do you have any "Samaria" seasons or moments coming up that God may be bringing you through?
 - c. How should people who follow Jesus handle Samaria seasons? What are the habits we should develop and character traits we should work on in those seasons?
 - d. Are there marginalized people that may represent your "Samaria" that God could be calling you to serve? What's a next step you can take to serve those people?

CLOSING

1. If anybody mentioned specific challenges or tough things that they are facing (or will face soon) take time to pray for those things and any others prayer requests people may have.
2. Pray