

Sermon Guide for Tribes February 4, 2024 Sermon Series: The Life of a Jesus Follower

Sermon Title: The Sharing Life Scripture: John 4:7-30

7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, (A) "Give me a drink." 8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" ((B)For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you (C)living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 (D)Are you greater than our father Jacob? (E)He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but (F)whoever drinks of the water that I will give him (G)will never be thirsty again.[a] The water that I will give him will become (H)in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, (I)give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, (J)call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that (K)you are (L)a prophet. 20 (M)Our fathers worshiped on (N)this mountain, but you say that (O)in Jerusalem is (P)the place where people ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, (Q)"Woman, believe me, (R)the hour is coming when (S)neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 (T)You worship what you do not know; (U)we worship what we know, for (V)salvation is (W)from the Jews. 23 But (X)the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father (Y)in spirit and (Z)truth, for the Father (AA)is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know that (AB)Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, (AC)he will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, (AD)"I who speak to you am he."

27 Just then (AE)his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" 28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man (AF)who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him.

Points of Consideration:

Engage (vs. 7-15) Enlighten (vs. 16-24) Evangelize (vs. 25-30)

Discussion Questions:

In John 4:7-30, Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman at the well. What significance does this encounter hold in terms of breaking down societal barriers and challenging cultural norms of the time? How does this interaction exemplify Jesus' approach to the scope of the kingdom of God?

Reflecting on Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman, what can we learn about the nature of spiritual thirst and the satisfaction that Jesus offers? How does this passage challenge our understanding of religious identity and how we approach evangelism and sharing the Gospel message?

Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well reveals the transformative power of encountering Christ personally. How does this narrative inspire us to engage in authentic encounters with others, regardless

of their background or circumstances? What practical steps can we take to emulate Jesus' approach to sharing faith and extending grace to those we meet?