

Seeing Souls: Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

When we may see five marriages, a different ethnic background, a different religious background and a wall of cultural barriers between us and our neighbor, Christ sees right through all of that and sees an eternal soul. Learning to see with Jesus' eyes requires us to challenge our perception of others and start seeing souls when we look at our neighbors.

- I. Jesus Rips Down Every Barrier to Entry (John 4.7-18)
 - A. Samaritans Have No Dealings with Jews (v.7-9)
 1. "Give me a _____" v.7 They have something in common.
 2. "How is it that you, a _____..." v.9
 - B. I Want to Give You Something Eternal (v.10-15)
 1. Zechariah 14.8 On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem.
 2. _____ "Never thirsty again," v.10, 14.
 - C. She Had a Story (v.16-18)
 1. "Go, call your _____." v.16
 2. Jesus knew her story, and brought the conversation to a transparent place.
- II. Jesus Saw a Soul (John 4.19-27)
 - A. They discuss matters of faith. (v.19-20)
 1. She perceives that he is a _____, v.19.
 2. The differences between Jews and Samaritans, v.20.
 - B. Jesus saw a future where both worship in _____ and in _____ v.20-24
 - C. She was waiting for a Savior, and Jesus revealed to her, "I am he." (v.25-26)
- III. Jesus is On a Redemptive Mission (John 4.27-42)
 - A. His disciples were perplexed but she was already activated as a missionary. "Come, _____... could this man be the Christ?" v.28-29
 - B. While the disciples are focused on food, Jesus is on mission as usual
 1. v.31-34 "My _____ is to do the Father's will."
 2. v.35-38 Someone else is "sowing," and you're going to "reap." (v.37)
 3. v.39-42 "Many believed because of her testimony."
 - a) She was a "person of peace," (Luke 10.6).
 - b) "He was the Savior of the _____." (v.42)
- IV. What Can We Do With This Story?
 1. We acknowledge sin has created divisions and barriers, and it will take heart to heart, life-on-life connection to move through those.
 2. We can't allow our vision to be obstructed. They are souls.
 3. If we remain on mission, the kingdom will come forward.

Jesus prayed for his kingdom to come forth, but what if the kingdom stops coming forth at our eyes? What if we refuse to accept Christ's vision? We see the results. If we embrace Jesus' vision though, our heart and our hands will follow.