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This is The Way, Week 3, Love

Dan Jarrell, October 18, 2020 Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

Read: John 4: 1-42

- 1. Who is Jesus talking to and why is this an uncommon interaction?
- 2. What theological issues do they discuss?
- 3. What are the results of Jesus' ministry to this woman?

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 4. How does the work of God in us and through us transcend cultural and societal barriers, differences, and divides? Describe a time when you saw or experienced the kingdom of God transcending cultural and societal barriers, differences, or divides.
- 5. How does culture's definition of love differ from the love defined in the scriptures and in the ministry of Jesus?
- 6. A significant part of Jesus' ministry was to clarify, redefine, and make new the religious and theological reality of those pursuing and desiring God. He was the awaited Messiah, ushering in a new reality for God's people. How is "worship" redefined and clarified in this story? What other religious and theological realities did God change through the ministry Jesus?
- 7. What aspect of "loving others" can we learn from this story?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

- 8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?
 - ** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today **