



Connect Group Discussion Guide
Sunday Message - 7/12/20 | Tyler Myers | John 4:39-42

NEW Sings a Song: True worship leads to an outward expression.

Key Scriptures:

*He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.*

- Psalm 40:3

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

- John 4:23-24

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

- John 4:39-42

Message Notes:

- New Sings a Song:
 - True life change brings true worship.
 - True worship sings a unique song.
 - True worship is found in wrestling with truth.
 - True worship is filled with gratitude.
 - True worship leads to an outward expression.
- Curiosity → Conversation → Commitment

Message Highlights:

- In the story of the Samaritan woman, many people believed in Jesus because of her testimony. Curiosity led to conversation, which ultimately led to commitment.
- Jesus was the word that became flesh and dwelt among us. Many more believed because of his word.
- People want to experience Jesus for themselves.
- Jesus knows everything about us and loves us enough to transform us.
- When we sing a new song, others are able to find their new song as well.

Conversation Starter:

- How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus knows everything about you?

Discuss the Message:

1. If someone saved your life (or the life of someone you love), how much gratitude would you feel? Do you think you would make an effort to express your gratitude outwardly? How many times would you tell the story?
2. The gift Jesus gives us is so much more than saving a life on earth! How many times have you told the story? What keeps us from telling it more often? Why are we sometimes slow to express our gratitude outwardly?
3. In your own life, was there ever a time when your curiosity led to a conversation about Jesus? Has there ever been a time when someone was curious about your life—which led to a conversation about Jesus?
4. We do want to experience Jesus for ourselves. Talk about some times in which you knew you were experiencing Jesus. What made that moment so powerful?

Pray:

- Pray for one another.

Heavenly Father, You know us fully. You are all-powerful, You are always with us. You are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. We need all of this so desperately now. Thank You for who You are.

Jesus, you have demonstrated such beautiful and unconditional love for us! In these times, we long to see such unconditional love again.

Holy Spirit, transform us. Guide us in truth. Lead us into a life that is so different from the world that it arouses the curiosity of others. Reveal to us each day the opportunities we have to engage in conversations with others that might one day lead to a commitment to follow Jesus. In his name we pray, Amen.