

The Gospel of John: Jesus Went to Some Area

Pastor Chad Ellenburg Text: John 4:1-45

When Jesus has to do something (John 4:1-8)

Jesus knows where to find you. (John 4:9-18)

Changing the Subject 101 (John 4:19-26)

I know this great little restaurant in Samaria. (John 4:27-45)

Memory Verse:

John 4:42 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."

Food for Thought for the week of June 10, 2018

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. There are many times in Scripture, as well as our own lives, that Jesus does what no one thinks He should be doing. Discuss or reflect on a time in your own life when you couldn't see what He was doing right away.
2. How does the reality of God's sovereignty over time, history, nations and people, challenge your thinking? In other words, when you think about the way He governs both history and the human heart, can you trust Him?
3. How far is too far for Jesus? What does the Gospel teach us about the limits of His love and compassion? Do you find yourself drawing lines and limits that God hasn't drawn - especially as it relates to family and friends?
4. Have you ever tried to hide from Jesus? How does He show grace and compassion even when the woman from Samaria is completely "found out?"
5. How does Jesus approach this woman and her brokenness? What can we learn from His grace even in the midst of someone's deep sin, hiding, and lack of authenticity?
6. What is Jesus saying about religion, location, and sacred rituals that usually define our church experience? This was a big change for them, and it still is for us. Why would we rather keep the experience of God confined in a building or a tradition?
7. The Disciples seem to be "out to lunch" when it comes to understanding how God works. How should this encourage us? (Hint: Jesus keeps them as His disciples anyway)
8. The woman had only a few minutes of experience and training in knowing Jesus. Yet, she is able to affect a whole town with the Gospel. How does this challenge you?