

Share prayer requests with the small group. Ask someone to take notes and share the requests with group members after the meeting.

Sermon Study

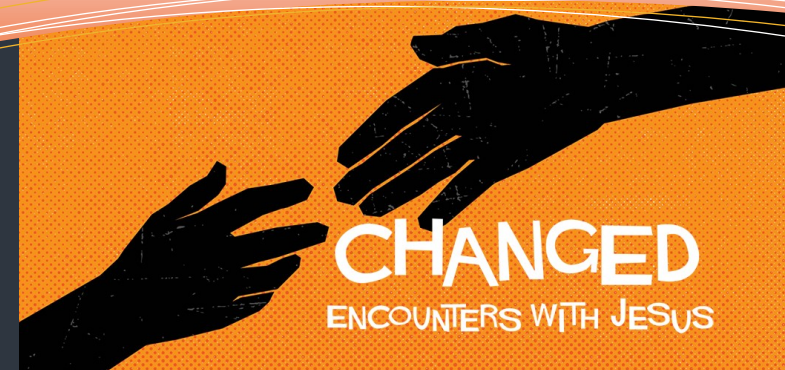
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The Woman at the Well - Outcast

John 4:1-45

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Church is a
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*Eastview Christian Church small groups provide the optimal environment for the life change Jesus Christ intends for every person. Our groups typically have 8-14 people who **GATHER** together (Hebrews 10:24-25), **GROW** to be more Christ-like (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 1:14-16), **GIVE** of themselves in various ways (1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:11-16), and **GO** on to impact the world around them (Matthew 28:19).*

Gather (your group getting to know each other)

1. Do you have a memory of an experience or encounter that you could not wait to tell someone about and actually share with them?

2. Sunday was Baptism Sunday! Share your baptism story or if you have not yet decided to be baptized, share the questions you have about it.

Go
(your group on mission)

Identify someone you know whom you can share the story of Salvation with. Share that person's name with the group. Spend time praying for the names you have mentioned and commit to praying daily this week for each name and for an opportunity to share with them the Good News.

Remember, we are Christ's servants and He has asked us to share the Gospel, the Good News and the Message of Salvation. Jesus Christ is no respecter of persons, but meets us where we are at that very moment. Are you ready to share your story? Go!

Grow (your group growing as Christ-followers)

Key Scripture

John 4:13, 14 (Jesus) "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Discussion

1. Spring is in the air and people are getting out more which can lead to new conversations. How often do you strike up conversations with people you don't know? What is typically the setting or conversation starter?

2. Read John 4:1-45 as a group. Comment on anything initially outstanding about this passage. Discuss any notes or lingering thoughts from the Sunday sermon.

3. In verses 1-9 we learn that Jesus is going to Galilee; He is tired and thirsty; He starts a conversation with a request, and with a woman that most Jews would not even acknowledge. Why? What can we learn from Jesus' approach?

4. Verse 10 is pivotal. Jesus begins to reveal His identity and the woman goes right to the logical and physical thoughts. Recall a conversation where you spent too much time with surface level "stuff" but could have taken advantage of experience, knowledge, and meaningful time?

5. In verses 11 through 19 Jesus patiently interacts with the woman while explaining "living water." Discuss his approach to her. What can we learn from His interaction? How has Jesus patiently interacted with you to help you understand Him more?

6. Verses 23 and 24 were important for the woman at the well and for us today. "...worship the Father in spirit and in 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." How does worship open our eyes to Jesus?

7. In verse 26, Jesus revealed his true identity to her. How do you think she felt when she heard those words, "I who speak to you am he."? How would you react? Discuss your reaction to the first time you really understood who Jesus is.

8. Verses 27 – 31 record the disciple's initial reactions about Jesus' interaction. What were their initial concerns and worries? Did they get the main point of Jesus' interactions? What distractions, concerns and worries sometimes keep you from seeing the main point of Jesus?

9. Read verses 39 – 42 as a group. What was the impact of the woman's testimony to those around her? What can we learn from this portion of the story?

Give
(your group serving each other)

Have you had a personal encounter with Jesus? Do you talk to him on a daily basis? Share your testimony with your group. Pray together.