

GETTING STARTED

- Share a story of a recent mission trip that you were on and what you learned about living on mission for God as a result of the trip.

“The story of the Samaritan woman reinforces John’s main theme that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God. The thrust of these verses is not so much her conversion but that Jesus is Messiah. While her conversion is clearly implied, the apostle’s focus centers on Jesus’ declaration foretold in the Scriptures (v.25). Important also is the fact that this chapter demonstrates Jesus’ love and understanding of people. His love for mankind involved no boundaries, for He lovingly and compassionately reached out to a woman who was a social outcast. In contrast to the limitations of human love, Christ exhibits the character of divine love that is indiscriminate and all-encompassing (John 3:16).”

- John MacArthur

- When you were growing up, who were the people you were told to avoid? What part of the city or country were you warned about? What would have happened if you had gone there?
- What social, ethnic or religious barriers have you overcome in Jesus’ name?
- Describe a time in your life when you were overwhelmed by the love of God.

DISCUSSION

Read John 4:1-26.

- Pastor John said that Jesus was always Intentional, always Relational, and always Superior. Discuss examples of how you see these qualities in this passage.
- What are some practical ways that you can be more intentional and relational this summer?
- In what areas of your life do you need to decrease so that Jesus may increase?
- What aspects of Jesus’ conversation/approach could you use as a model for your own discussions with friends who may be searching for truth?
- What are you constantly thirsting for? How has Jesus satisfied you?

PRAYER

Ask the Lord to help you be more intentional and relational this summer as you might make the most of every opportunity to point people to Jesus.