

A HEART LIKE JESUS (April 23, 2017)

Thirsty Woman (John 4:1-42)

Small Group Study Notes

Getting to know you: What is your favorite beverage? How much of this do you drink a day?

- ❖ Lesson objective: Learn from Jesus how to engage people in spiritual conversations and point them to Christ.
- ❖ When is the last time you had a spiritual conversation with a lost person? How did it go?
- ❖ Read 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 – what or who was Paul’s crown of rejoicing? Do you think we will be rewarded for those we “win to Christ” when we stand before the Lord? What encourages you about this?

1) Living life with purpose.

- How might we take advantage of life’s opportunities to impact eternity in our everyday activities?
- How do you think Ephesians 5:15-17 could change the way you live?
- Read John 4:1-4
 - ✓ What racial division exists in our world that might keep us from reaching certain ethnic groups?
 - ✓ Why do you think Jesus chose the route that led through Samaria?
 - ✓ What area of town or group of people that are typically ignored by the church might we reach out to? What could we do?

2) Conversations in the breakroom. (John 4:5-29)

- Jesus hung back at Jacob’s well while the disciples went into town for food. Where are some places we might enter into conversations with the lost today?
- How did Jesus move from general conversation to spiritual conversation? How might we do the same today? Give examples or even role play.
- What cultural “taboos” did Jesus cross in order to have this conversation? (3 were mentioned)
- Sometimes the “church” (believers in general) isolate themselves from the world. How might we engage the world without becoming like the world?
- What does Jesus mean by living water? How is this water different from the water the world offers?
- This woman seemed interested in “living water” yet Jesus asked her a question that revealed her sin. Is it necessary to call people out for their sin? Why or why not?
- While sharing the Gospel what “smokescreens” or distraction tactics have you had to handle?
- Who does Jesus tell the women He is? What does she do that indicates she believes?

3) Preoccupied with the normal concerns of life. (John 4:31-38)

- How did the disciples feel about Jesus talking with this woman?
- What everyday life struggles cause you to miss eternal opportunities?
- How long should a person wait before they share their faith?

CLOSE: We need a heart like Jesus.

- What needs to change?
- What is the most helpful insight you received from this lesson?
- Do you think it is easier to reach “religious lost people” or folks with little to no knowledge of God? Why?
- Will you seek to engage someone in a spiritual conversation before your next meeting and report what happened?

Close with prayer time.