

Dig Deeper @Home – “Jesus Alone”

Complement to lesson on 10/10/21 – “The True Thirst Quencher”

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. When in your life were you the thirstiest? How did that feel?
2. If you could never again drink either coffee or soda... which would you choose to forgo?

MEMORIZE – John 5:39-40

“You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.”

READ – John 4:1-42

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does the Holy Spirit draw your attention to as you read these passages?
What sticks out to you?
 - a. What general observations can you make about the Christian life? Is anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
2. What do these passages reveal about Jesus?
3. Elsewhere in the book of John we are told that Jesus is full of “grace and truth.” (John 1:14,16-17) Take a minute to go back and read these short verses in chapter 1 and then examine how Jesus models both grace and truth to the woman at the well. Is this the picture of Jesus you know and experience? Or is there some incorrect thinking you need to address?
4. Jesus was unafraid to cut right to the heart of the matter and address the woman in her brokenness and sin. (Verses 16-18) Be extremely honest with yourself... what sins might God be convicting you of recently? What would it look like to repent and accept his invitation to “drink of the water he (offers) and never be thirsty again?”
5. Oftentimes we think we need all the right answers or to reach that next level of spiritual maturity before we share our faith, but the Samaritan woman is a great model of our need to simply tell our story of how Jesus has impacted our lives and leave the rest up to Him (Verse 28-29). What was the response of the townspeople to her story? (Hint: Verse 30, 39-42) What might the response of those you know where you live, work, and play be if you shared your story?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – Reminders from a Water Bottle

Our need for water is central to our survival as humans... that's how God made us!
If we let it, this need for physical hydration can serve as a reminder of our need for Christ!

This week, be intentional about considering how Jesus quenches your spiritual thirst by praying a prayer to be filled with his Spirit and experience that “spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14) each time you feel the pangs of thirst or reach for a drink.

If you need an extra reminder, perhaps write “John 4” on a water bottle you carry around with you, or if you are particularly creative, paint or otherwise decorate a mug, bottle, or cup with your favorite verse from this week’s chapter.

SING (Suggested songs to sing. Use these, or any favorites of the gathered group, to worship Jesus!)

Phil Wickham – Battle Belongs : <https://youtu.be/johgSkNj3-A>

Matt Maher – Because He Lives (Amen) : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBvU7arNhQs>

As The Deer : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fuJnE7HqTX0>

Listen: Honor & Glory – God of My Story : https://youtu.be/4mB_JfTDKIM

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the series:

Go this week believing in Jesus and thus being a child of God sent to do His will. As you have received grace in abundance so offer grace in abundance. As you have received the truth so freely share the truth, freely and full of grace with all those you meet where you live, work and play.