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The Woman at the Well

John 4:1-15
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I. The Lord's Innate Wisdom (vv. 1-3)

- A. Jesus knew it was _____ to move on
(Jn. 8:59; 10:39; Lk. 4:29-30)
- B. Jesus knew performing _____ was not necessary
(Jn. 3:22, 26; 1 Pet. 3:21; Lk. 23:43)

II. The Lord's Divine Appointment (vv. 4-6)

- A. The history of _____ (1 Kgs. 12; 16:24; 2 Kgs. 17:6-8; Ezra 4:1-3; Neh. 4:1-2, 7-8; Matt. 10:5-7; Lk. 10:33; 17:16-18)
- B. The history of _____ timed and orchestrated events
(Gen. 37:28; Ex. 2:5; Est. 2:21-22; 6:1-3; Lk. 8:40-56; Mk. 10:46-52; Jn. 11:21-25; Acts 8:26-31)
- C. The history of _____ stories around a well
(Gen. 16:7-10; 24:10-13; Ex. 2:15-17; Num. 21:16-17; 2 Sam. 17:17-19; 23:15-16)

III. The Lord's Unique Approach (vv. 7-9)

- A. Jesus _____ first (Acts 7:2; Gen. 28:10, 13; Ex. 3:1-2; Lk. 19:5; Acts 9:3-5)
- B. Jesus _____ a response from the woman at the well
(Matt. 15:21-28; 19:16-22)
- C. Jesus _____ every stereotype
(Mk. 1:40-42; 2:5, 13-14, 18-19, 23, 27-28)

IV. The Lord's Insightful Conversation (vv. 10-15)

- A. Jesus goes on the _____ (v. 10)
- B. The woman replies using human _____ (vv. 11-12)
- C. Jesus _____ desirable spiritual truth (vv. 13-14)
- D. The woman is _____ in more information (v. 15)

TAKE HOME (v. 36)

- Are you _____ for God's sovereign timing in your life?
- Are you doing things that you feel like you "_____ to do"?
- Are you drinking from the _____ water in which you will never thirst again?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 4:1-3. Why do you think Jesus decided to go back to Galilee? Why do you think Jesus wasn’t personally involved in baptizing people?

2. Read John 4:4-6. Now look at 1 Kgs. 16:24; 2 Kgs. 17:6-8; Ezra 4:1-3; Neh. 4:1-2. What do these verses teach us about the tension between Samaria and Judah?

3. Read Matt. 10:5-7; Lk. 10:33; 17:16-18. What do these New Testament texts teach us about Jesus’ perspective of Samaritans. How can we learn from Christ to have proper doctrine but kindness towards those we disagree with?

4. What do you think about the phrase “he had to pass through Samaria”? What was discussed in the sermon on this point?

5. Read John 4:7-9. Now look at Acts 7:2; Gen. 28:10, 13; Ex. 3:1-2; Lk. 19:5; Acts 9:3-5. What do you think about the fact that the Lord spoke first? What does this teach us?

6. Read John 4:10-12. How did Jesus’ request elicit a response from the woman at the well? Why is it that people use their own logic instead of understanding what Christ is really saying? Does that ever happen to you? Please explain.

7. Read John 4:13-15. What do you think about how this part of the conversation ended? What do you think about Jesus’ style of evangelism in general? What can you learn by watching Jesus interact with this woman?

8. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? Please share your answer with the group.

*“He who sat on the well owned a Throne that was placed high above the head of the cherubim;
in His arms, who then rested Himself, was the sanctuary of peace,
where weary souls could lay their heads and dispose their cares, and then turn them to joys,
and to guild their thorns with glory; and from that holy tongue, which was parched with heat,
should stream forth rivulets of heavenly doctrine,
which were to water all the world and turn deserts into a paradise.”*

- Puritan Jeremy Taylor