

Text: John 4:1-15

INTRODUCTION:

1. The changing world
2. The constant church

A. JESUS-- THE MAN (John 4:1)

1. The person of Christ
2. The perspective of Christ

B. JESUS- THE MISSIONARY (John 4:3-6)

1. The significance of Samaria
2. The stigma of the Samaritan woman

C. JESUS— THE MEANS (John 4:7-9)

1. A shift of procedure
2. A shift of power

D. JESUS— THE MESSAGE (John 4:13-15, 39-42)

1. The Imago Dei
2. The Missio Dei

CONCLUSION

Where is your Samaria?

Who is your Samaritan woman?

What is your story?

Read John 4:1-14 and 4:39-42

1. What are the major changes have you observed in the global church from the past and the present? In what way this will change affect your role towards the mission of the church?
2. Read John 4:3-6. What is the historical tension between the Jews and the Samaritans? John 4:4 says, “Jesus had to go through the country of Samaria.” Why is Samaria called a “country”? This is not the conventional and comfortable path to go from Judea to Galilee, but why did Jesus take this path? What does this journey tell us about our “missionary” task as Christ-followers?
3. Read John 4:3-6. What is the background (cultural, ethnic, marital, vocation, spiritual, etc.) of this Samaritan woman? If she were someone we meet today, what would her embodiment look like? What does this passage tell us about Jesus Christ’s passion, priority and purpose?
4. John 4:7 captures Jesus conversation with this woman and said, “Give me a drink.” What is the significance of this passage on the shift of Jesus embracing His need and empowering the woman to provide for His need? How does this missional strategy change the way we look at evangelism, missions and social action?
5. Read John 4:39-42. “One person can make a difference” is statement that appears impossible, how does this passage support this statement?
6. As you close, share to your Life Group this important question and pray by pairs that God will give you a cross-cultural heart to reach someone outside of your comfort zone.
 - Where or what is the Samaritan road you are trying to avoid?
 - Who is the Samaritan woman you need to pray and reach?

PRAY