

THE

CHRISTIAN

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God's Love



St Marks Bible Education

A Life of Love

Week 03

INTRODUCTION

The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."

Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

John 4:25-26

Sharing the gift of God's unconditional love is the most priceless, beautiful gift that you could ever give someone. When you share the love of Jesus Christ, you are literally sharing the opportunity of _____.

Sharing a lifestyle of love first begins with your actions and then your words. People are looking for a demonstration of the Gospel. You are an instrument of Jesus Christ, an _____ for God and a minister of _____.

MESSAGE

Beyond Borders

In Jesus' time, there were many groups that steered clear of each other, the most famous of which were the Jews and Samaritans. The religious beliefs of the Samaritans were very similar to those of the Jews, but with a handful of key differences – and it was these differences that led to each group's distrust and dislike of each other.

Jews believed that they would become _____ if they passed through Samaritan territory.

It was almost unthinkable for a Jew to speak with a Samaritan, and definitely unheard of for a _____ to speak to a woman – much less a Samaritan woman.

Not Religion – Relationship

This woman was on the other side of religion. An _____ from the Jew's perspective and even shunned by her own people.

She recognized her need of a _____ and believed the Word of God – who was the man sitting at the well.

The Lord saw her _____, offered _____ and she accepted. It was not based on her _____ – whether good religious works or sinful worldly living.

After her encounter with the Lord Jesus her life was changed radically. Instead of trying to _____ from people, she went and announced to all the people in the city what had happened.

APPLICATION

From the text, what do you learn about the Samaritan woman?

John 4:6 states that the woman came to the well at the sixth hour – the hottest part of the day. Everyone else was home resting during this time. Based on what is known about her, why might the woman have chosen this time to come to the well.

What do you think Jesus means by “living water”?

What does the Samaritan woman think the living water is?

What do you suppose Jesus is trying to accomplish from the conversation about the woman’s husbands?

Many Samaritans from that town came to believe in Jesus as the Messiah. What two other reasons are given for why others were led to Jesus? (see vs. 39-42)

REFLECT

Read Luke 8:4-15, the Parable of the Sower. What is the job of the sower in the story? How does this relate to sharing our faith with others?

In your world (friends, family, school, etc.) you can show a lifestyle of love by:

- Not being _____ of others, no matter what their background / circumstances.
- Show genuine _____ for their well-being and happiness.
- Simply share the _____ of who Jesus Christ is.

Think about the people that you know are “outcasts” or sidelined in your life. Write their names down and commit to showing them the Love and acceptance that you have found in the Lord Jesus Christ.

VERSE TO REMEMBER

Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

John 4:13-14