

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Scripture: John 4:1-26

- Jesus is not bound by our barriers.
- Jesus knows what it's like to be us, because He became one of us.
- There is only One Fountain that springs forth eternal life for all who believe.
- Jesus doesn't run from us, He rescues us.
- True worship is not location dependent, it's Jesus dependent.

GET TALKING

What are some social situations you avoid and why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever studied the story of the Samaritan Woman before? What are some conclusions about her, or her story, that you have had? Read through John 4:1-26. Discuss how your impression of the woman has changed as a result of Pastor Bob's teaching. How can the conclusions we draw or our speculations about individuals affect how we experience others?
2. As Pastor Bob said, "Mr. Boundary-Breaker Himself, just in this one interaction with the woman at the well, transcended racial, cultural, social, traditional, religious, gender, political, and even moral barriers. Jesus is not bound by our barriers." Discuss barriers in our world, country, community, or personal lives today that keep us from loving others as Jesus does.
3. It is imperative as a Christian to know that Jesus Christ came for YOU, was crucified for YOUR sins, raised again to New Life and now offers YOU this very same living water that will never run out. No matter who you are, what you've done, what you've left undone, Jesus our Savior is determined to get to you one way or another. He loves you that much. How does that make you want to respond?
4. What have you been thirsting for that isn't living water? What have you tried to satisfy yourself with other than Jesus?
5. What are you holding back in your life and hoping that God won't see? Confess what you are hiding.
6. What can we do to come together as a community, knowing each other's struggles, pains, and challenges, to love one another as Jesus loves us?

PRAYER

Division, conflict and boundaries keep us from loving others well or experiencing Jesus' love in and through our lives. Are you willing to worship God in Spirit and in truth? Take some time in prayer today to:

1. Praise God for knowing you so intimately, understanding you so completely, and loving you so sacrificially.
2. Repent over the damaging conclusions and speculations you may have drawn about others.
3. Ask for wisdom and boldness to share with others in this lost and broken world the Hope we can only find in Jesus.
4. Listen for how God wants to lead you into a life of worship that glorifies and honors Him.