

## MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Scripture: John 4:27-42

- Your story can lead others to meet Jesus
- Jesus didn't come to meet our expectations; He came to meet US
- In Jesus, the Gospel unites what the world divides
- Hearing and obeying the Word of the Lord satisfies the spiritual hunger in your soul

## GET TALKING

What is something/someone that you're a big fan of? Why are you such a big fan?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. This week we are continuing in the account of Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman at the well. What is one concept that impacted you from the message last week when we were introduced to this woman (John 4:1-26)?

Read John 4:27-42

2. Whether you've been in a relationship with Jesus for a long time, or you are still in early steps toward Him, you have a story to tell. God is always at work and is big enough and determined enough to reach us no matter the circumstances. In a few sentences, share your Jesus story with the group. What are the unique ways God met each person in your group? Are there any similarities between the stories?
3. What things from your past are holding you back from fully loving and following Jesus? (ex. fears, shame, negative thought patterns, identity issues, etc.) What shifts can you make in your thinking and trust God to help you grow past those barriers? How can this group support you in that growth?
4. In John 4:34 Jesus says "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work." His spiritual nourishment came through God's Word, time in prayer, and in obediently doing God's will. We are nourished both by what we "take in" as well as what we "give out" for God. What are some ways you regularly engage in to bring spiritual nourishment into your life? What are some things you would like to add or include more often?
5. Your story can lead others to meet Jesus. Think of one person in your life who needs to know Jesus. How can you prepare for and find an opportunity to share your Jesus story with them? Easter is a time that many are more spiritually aware. Could this be the time to give them an invitation to come to church with you? What is holding you back?

## PRAYER

Pray for boldness, courage, and love to share your Jesus story with those God brings into your life. Pray by name for the people you mentioned in question 4 that they would be open to a relationship with Jesus and that this Easter would bring hope and the start of a new life for them.

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes."*  
—Romans 1:15