

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Do you avoid people you don't like?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Please read the story of the Woman at the Well in John 4:1-26.
3. Who were samaritans?
4. Pastor Ruben mentioned the shortest distance from Jerusalem to Galilee was through Samaria. It was about a 2 ½ day walk from Jerusalem to Galilee. But Jews hated Samaritans, so they took the long way around Samaria, which was almost twice as long. How do people avoid their enemies or people they hate?
 - a. Are we guilty of avoiding others?
 - b. Are we more like these Jews than we care to admit?
5. What are your thoughts about verse four?
6. What did Jesus ask this woman?
 - a. Do you think she knew who He was or what He was talking about?
 - b. Have you ever been in the presence of God and not know it?
7. Who did Jesus ask her to bring back?
 - a. Why do you think Jesus brings up her personal home life?
 - b. Do you think Jesus was condemning her?
 - c. What was Jesus' point?
 - d. Did Jesus consider the man she was with her husband? Why or why not?
 - e. What does this say about how God views us today?

8. Pastor Ruben said, "If you want to start over, it starts with cleaning your house." What does that mean to you?

9. Please read John 4:27-42.

10. Have you ever been awestruck by Jesus? Have you ever left your "water bucket?"

11. What did this woman do after meeting Jesus?
 - a. When was the last time you talked to someone about Jesus?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- God is not confined to your understanding.
- Jesus is willing to cross borders for any broken soul.
- "Spiritual growth, in a sense, is simply increasing our capacity to experience the presence of God." - John Ortberg
- Sometimes you need to see your problem before you see your savior.
- Some of you have problems in your life because Jesus is not your life.
- To start over, you should ask Jesus to help you clean your house so he can move in.