

Living Connections Bible Study



I.N.V.E.S.T.

Text: John 4:1-42

Prayer

Icebreaker: Name 1 to 3 people or couples who need the Lord Jesus, whom you would especially like to see come to a personal relationship with Him. Why is this person (or persons) especially important to you?

The Jews held deeply rooted prejudices against the people of Samaria. Centuries earlier, the Jews of Samaria had intermarried with Gentiles and established their own priesthood and belief system contrary to that observed by Judaism. For this reason the Jews tried to avoid association with Samaritans and would walk around Samaria rather than traveling through the region.

1. When Jesus left Judea to return to the region of Galilee, what compelled Him and His disciples to travel through the region called Samaria? Verses 3-7, John 3:3

2. What evidences do we find in verse 6 that Jesus, the Son of God, fulfilled His ministry as the Son of Man so that He might identify with us in our human weakness? Verse 6-8

3. How did Jesus demonstrate that He had no prejudice toward this Samaritan woman? Verse 7

4. Why was this woman surprised that Jesus would even speak to her, much less accept a drink from her pitcher? Verse 9

5. How did Jesus stir this woman's interest to discuss spiritual things? Verses 10-14; John 6:35

6. When this woman asked Jesus to give her living water, what need in her life did Jesus tactfully deal with so that she was ready to receive Him as her Savior? Verses 15-18, 29

7. What was this woman's response to Jesus' revelations about her sinful past? Verse 19

8. What questions and confusion did Jesus need to answer and clear up for her so she would be ready to put her trust in Him? Verses 20-24

9. What evidences do we find that this woman placed faith in Christ and her life was transformed? Verses 25-30, 39-42; 2 Corinthians 5:17

10. Have you ever experience the satisfaction and joy of sharing Jesus with those who needed Him and forgot all about your physical appetites? Verses 31-34

11. What is the significance of Jesus' words about the harvest fields in verse 35?

12. Why is it important that we all share in bringing in the harvest? Verses 36-38

Think about it this week:

He who had placed the stones in the mountains was thankful to rest on those stones. He who gave birth to the seas, the rivers, and springs of rushing water knew what it meant to be thirsty. Our mighty Creator clothed Himself in a tent of clay, and walked in our sandals. He limited Himself to the frailty of a human body in order to identify with you and me; and more importantly to become our substitute and sacrifice to die on the cross for our sins.

*Do you not say, there are still four months and then comes the harvest?
Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields,
for they are already white for harvest.*

John 4:35

Who would God have me invest in by showing God's love to them, demonstrating that I care, and sharing a witness of what Christ has done for me, and will do the same for them?