

SERMON OUTLINE John 4:1-30

And He Had to Pass through Samaria

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. *Why did finding out the Pharisees knew Jesus was gaining more disciples than John the Baptist cause Jesus to depart (1, 3)?*
2. *Why is it important that Jesus didn't baptize but only His disciples (2)?*
3. *Who were the Samaritans?*
4. *Why did John include information on Jacob and Joseph (5-6)?*
5. *Why was the woman at the well when Jesus was there (6-7)?*
6. *Why was it surprising to the Samaritan woman that Jesus would ask her for a drink? Or, why don't Jews have "dealings with Samaritans" (7, 9)?*
7. *What's up with all of the woman's questions (9, 11, 12, 19, 25)?*
8. *How did Jesus know the woman's history (16-18)?*
9. *In what sense did Jesus have to go to Samaria (3)?*

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

For all of those reasons, this morning's sermon is a sermon of questions and answers intended to set us up well for the next two Sundays. We'll consider a number of the cultural-gap-driven questions of this text this morning so that next week we can better see what this passage says about salvation and the following week about worship.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. If you wanted to take someone to a passage in the Bible to help them understand the nature of salvation, where would you take them? In that same vein, if someone came to you and asked, "What does the Bible say about Christian worship?," where would you take them in Scripture?
3. Can you think of any passages in the Bible that are especially culturally dependent? How did you figure out what they meant?
4. If you could have any one question answered directly by God, what question would you ask?
5. Which of the nine questions addressed by Pastor Dave did you find most interesting? Informative? Important? Confusing?
6. Are there any individuals or kinds of people that seem entirely unsavable?
7. Have you ever truly hated someone? Why? What did you do about it?
8. Is there anything you're tempted to trust in more than Jesus?
9. Is there anything you're tempted to delight in more than Jesus?
10. Do you tend to feel more like the woman at the well or the disciples?
11. What kinds of sermons do you tend to find most helpful?
12. As a Christian, have you ever talked or acted in a manner so distinct from the world that they just couldn't make sense of you?
13. What defense mechanisms do you tend to use to avoid obedience to Jesus?
14. In what way/s did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

15. Write down the primary passages in the Bible that inform your understanding of salvation and worship. From those passages, come up with your own definition of salvation and worship. Share all of that at DG.
16. Share the bible's message of salvation with a non-Christian.
17. Spend some extra time this week worshiping God in light of the passages on worship that you gathered.
18. Help someone (a kid or a newer believer) know how to find biblical answers to their questions on their own.
19. Have a meal with someone you wouldn't if the gospel weren't true.
20. Read (or reread) the book, "Expository Listening".
21. What is one specific thing you mean to do differently in the power of the Spirit as a result of the things you saw or heard in this text or sermon?

PRAYER POINTS

22. Adoration. Praise God for His glory. Praise Him for being perfect in every way. Praise Him for being the one true God.
23. Confession. Confess sins of hatred, pride, fear, false beliefs, disobedience, apathy, or anything else this text stirs in you.
24. Thanksgiving. Thank God for salvation in Jesus and for being infinitely and eternally worthy of worship. Thank God for answering every question you need the answer to. Thank God that no one is beyond the reach of His saving grace.
25. Supplication. Pray for the non-Christians in your life. Ask God to grant genuine faith in Him and true worship of Him.