

Jesus Stories

"Jesus and the Woman at the Well" February 27, 2022 // Larry Vold, Guest Speaker

INTRODUCTION

When people encounter Jesus, things change for them. This week we had a very special guest speaker, Larry Vold. He is the Pastor of Spiritual Care at 3Crosses Church. As we continue our series, Jesus Stories, Pastor Larry reminds us that Jesus is for EVERYONE as we look at His encounter with the woman at the well.

FOR DISCUSSION

- **1. Read John 4:1-26.** Take 5-7 mins and discuss your observations of this passage? What do you notice? What stands out to you?
- **2.** The big idea of this message is "**Jesus is for everyone**." Larry talked about Jesus' disciples who surprisingly didn't believe Jesus was for everyone. They followed a statement similar to, JESUS IS FOR (ALMOST) everyone, as they excluded all Gentiles, and especially the Samaritans! Why do you think they felt this way?
- **3.** In your own conversion experience, when and where did Jesus first make Himself known to you? What was the process between the time He first revealed Himself and when you believed and began following Him? (Share your faith story).
- **4.** How has Jesus' love for us (despite His knowledge of our sinfulness) helped motivate us to share our story with others? (See John 4:29, 39).
- **5.** Are there individuals or people groups that seem off your radar as recipients of God's love through Jesus Christ? What are some practical ways of partnering with God in reaching them?
- **6.** What impact does Francis Thompson's poem, "The Hound of Heaven" have on your understanding of God's love for sinners who avoid or are running from Him?
- **7.** Jesus taught that believing in Him results in His Spirit coming to dwell within us—providing a perennial source of power for living out our faith (John 4:14; 7:37-39). In what situations do you feel the need for the Spirit's help in making Jesus known through your life? Who is on your heart to pray for their salvation?

COMMIT TO MEMORY - "We love each other because He loved us first." 1 John 4:19

PRAYER - Pray for one another—that each of us will ask God's Spirit to dwell in us so we will have the courage to share Jesus with EVERYONE. Share prayer requests.