

Women Who Encountered Jesus – Week 2

Think of a time wherein you have experienced immense shame and guilt. Perhaps you have felt *distant* from Christ in that moment, and perhaps you felt *unloved* and too far from experiencing His grace. The reality is, that God's grace *meets us* right where we are, as Paul records in 2 Corinthians 12:9, that Jesus says, "*My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness*", and in Romans 5:20, "*Now the law came in to increase the trespass, BUT where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.*"

Today, we will notice how Jesus not only *meets* the Samaritan woman at the well but, Jesus, *recognizes* what this woman truly *needs*, and that is a drink from the eternal and living well, which is Christ.

Person: *The Samaritan Woman*

Scripture: *John 4:1-42*

Big Idea: *Jesus knows our deepest wounds and failures, yet He meets us with grace and invites us into new life and mission.*

Ice-Breaker Question: *Why do people sometimes hide parts of themselves from others?*

Discussion Questions

- 1) Why do you think this woman came to the well at that time?
- 2) What does Jesus reveal about her?
- 3) How does Jesus treat her?
- 4) Why is it significant that Jesus initiates the conversation?
- 5) What is the "living water" Jesus offers?
- 6) What shame do people commonly carry today?
- 7) Why do we sometimes believe our past disqualifies us from ministry?
- 8) What can we learn from the woman's response after meeting Jesus?

Activity (Complete this)

"Before Jesus, I _____, and because of Jesus, I am now _____."

Is there an area of my past that I have allowed to define me more than Jesus does?

Action Step:

Share your testimony with one person by saying: "This is what Jesus has done in my life."