

Jesus People Part 3—Called Up
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THE MINISTRY YEARS OF JESUS

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

Jesus was a model of empowered dependence in God.

[John 5:19]

Jesus said: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do **only what he sees his Father doing**, because whatever the Father does the Son also does"

If you're a Jesus person, never forget this: people need what you have. We're all looking for unconditional love and deep personal meaning.

They are teed up for a divine appointment.

[John 4:1-30]

Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard that he was baptizing and making more disciples than John ² (though Jesus himself didn't baptize them—his disciples did). ³ So he left Judea and returned to Galilee.

⁴He had to go through Samaria on the way. ⁵ Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. ⁷ Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." ⁸ He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

⁹ The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

¹⁰ Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water."

¹¹ "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? ¹² And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?"

¹³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. ¹⁴ But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

¹⁵ "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water."

¹⁶ "Go and get your husband," Jesus told her.

¹⁷ "I don't have a husband," the woman replied.

Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband— ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!"

¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "you must be a prophet. ²⁰ So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?"

²¹ Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. ²³ But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. ²⁴ For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

²⁵ The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶ Then Jesus told her, "I AM the Messiah!"

²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, "What do you want with her?" or "Why are you talking to her?" ²⁸ The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" ³⁰ So the people came streaming from the village to see him

As Jesus People:

1. Join Jesus in calling up those who have been knocked down.

Jesus calls out our potential and our nobility. He doesn't speak to our failures or limitations. Anytime we do the same, we look a little more like Jesus.

2. Join Jesus in honoring those who have been dishonored.

We can accurately say that Jesus changed the woman at the well's identity and her reputation changed.

3. We are called to worship in Spirt and Truth.

On your worst day, when you think God isn't listening, Heaven leans in and He hears the faintest cry!

[John 4:23]

A time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

God has called us to be a true worshipper; He longs to connect with us.

FOR MONDAY—

- **1.** Call someone, or intentionally go out of your way, to honor someone, to lift them up, and to show them the heart of God.
- **2.** Check out episodes from the series *The Chosen*. Link and QR code available online at TFH.org and the TFH App.
- 3. Get expressive in your personal worship this week!

TALK IT THROUGH

- **1.** In our current world, what are some ways that people have mastered putdowns, calling out the failures and mistakes in others, and how have you seen people break through those barriers?
- 2. How can you empathize with, or relate to, the woman at the well's situation? When have you felt "alone at the well" and someone came alongside you, speaking life?
- **3.** What does it look like to "walk on assignment" from God? As Jesus people, who are some people in your life today who can be impacted by you living that way? What are some practical ways for you to be the bridge for Jesus?
- **4.** [John 4:1-30] How does this story speak to God intentionally reaching people who are far from him? How does this influence how to look at people and also how to join Him in extending God's reach?

- **5.** Why do you think Jesus intentionally chose to walk through Samaria and reveal himself to the woman at the well? What were the ripple effects for evangelism?
- **6.** Describe the kind of worshippers that God is looking for. What does it mean to "worship in spirit and truth?" [John 4] What could that practically look like in your week-to-week?
- 7. In Romans 12:10, how does this tie in with your story and someone you know who is far from Jesus?
- **8.** What was the price that was paid for our brokenness and redemption? In light of that, how should Jesus people respond?
- **9.** Historically, why was there such an emphasis on worship in a specific place? What similar traps can people fall into when identifying their worship as limited to the church building?
- **10.** In community, how can we bridge the gap created by our perception and the reality of what God is looking for? Who can you honor? Likewise, in your life, who continues to push you toward a worship lifestyle?