

Community Group Discussion Questions

“Water Cooler Conversation – part 3” John 4:27-43 January 27/28

Getting Started

You are a part of the “bringing in the harvest”! We have been asking God for the harvest and the harvest is here! However, reaping the harvest takes a willingness to enter into it and engage with it. The harvest simply described is people entering into a relationship with Jesus through your testimony. Invest and Invite someone to come with you next weekend February 3rd or 4th

What things have happened in your heart during the 21 day fast and prayer time, and as you have read through the Gospel of John?

Going Deeper

- I. Requires a Bold Decision: “So the woman left her water jar...” (v. 28)
 - a. Convicted by Truth: I’m so thirsty!
 - b. Challenged by Truth: I never will be satisfied!
 - c. Comforted by Truth: I receive!

For you to choose to follow Jesus wholeheartedly, what empty ‘water jar’ do you need to set aside? What excites you about following Jesus and embracing Him as your trusted leader and Lord?

- II. Reveals a Bold Confession: “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” (v. 29)
 - a. Changed Woman: “went away into town” (v. 28)
 - b. Courageous Words: “said to the people, Come, see a man” (vs. 28-29)
 - c. Compelling Witness: “Can this be the Christ?” (Vs. 29)

What are some questions we can ask of others that will make them curious to find out more about Jesus? Be as creative as possible to tie in current felt needs with the timeless truth of who Jesus is. *Hint*: think of all the images and pictures Jesus used to describe Himself (shepherd, water,

bread, light, resurrection, life. Also, think in terms of how He describes our condition or relationship to Him (adopted, brother, Father, sons and daughters, lost/found, sick/healed, blind/seeing)

III. Receive a Bold Mission: (Vs. 31-38)

- a. Meal Minded: (physical food vs. spiritual food)
 - Source of Sustenance: “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” (Vs. 32)
 - Staple of Satisfaction: “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work” (Vs. 34)
- b. Mission Minded: (physical harvest vs. spiritual harvest)
 - Sense of Urgency: “lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest” (Vs. 35)
 - Strive in Unity: “One sows another reaps” (Vs. 37)

Being a Christian is not just about coming to a church service. It means joining Jesus in a bold mission. Look up the following verses (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:48-49, John 20:21, Acts 1:8, and Romans 1:1-6) and then write out in your own words what that mission is, who is sending you, who is empowering you, and why it matters.

IV. Rejoice in a Bold Profession: (Vs. 39-42)

- a. Personal Conversation (TOLD): “believed in him because of the woman’s testimony” (Vs. 39)
- b. Personal Invitation (BROUGHT): “And many more believed because of His word.” (Vs. 41)

Many of us shy away from talking to others about Jesus because we think only professional Pastors should do that. But look again at this story and realize that many believed in Jesus because of the woman’s testimony, and others believed because of Jesus’ words. God wants you to use to tell your story and you will be amazed at how many people identify with you and your story. Share with us about a person you’ve seen come to faith because of your effort to share your testimony.

Take Away: Lift your eyes from seeing people as an inconvenience, to seeing them as a divine appointment. Ask God to give you an opportunity to share Jesus this week or to invite someone to come with you here next weekend.

Prayer Requests

Who are you praying for and inviting next weekend? Let's all pray for them.