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LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

READ JOHN 4:4-42

Take note of which words and phrases stand out to you.

OPENING QUESTION:

Have you ever felt like people weren't including you in a conversation or activity?
How did you feel?

UNDERSTANDING THE STORY:

1. In the first century, Jews considered Samaritans to be so unclean that they avoided travelling to Samaria altogether. Furthermore, men were discouraged from speaking to women on the street...especially ones suspected of adultery! So, how did Jesus ignoring these barriers create a safe space of engagement of the woman?
2. Jesus' conversation with the woman begins very simply. How does the conversation progress, and what do you think the woman's deepest needs are?
3. Read verses 39 to 42. What is the result of the woman's conversation with Jesus? How did Jesus' risky decision to speak to a Samaritan woman accomplish something good?

LIVING THE STORY:

1. Jesus was not afraid to engage the marginalized woman. Who are some marginalized people in your life? What do you think their deeper needs might be?
2. Have you witnessed unlikely people open up to conversations about God and faith? Share examples with the group. Are there any common factors? How might you use these ideas to open up God's table to more people?

PRAYER

Royal Family Kids' Camp – We pray over the Royal Family Kids' Camp as many of these foster children have experienced abuse and neglect. We pray that their minds and hearts might be open to the message of God's love. Father, we thank You for the provision of dedicated staff and volunteers who reveal Your goodness to these children. We pray that this year's encounters will be life-changing for the staff, volunteers, and children. www.royalfamilykids.org.

Lo Mejor del Trigo – We pray for our ministry partner in Tecate, Lo Mejor del Trigo (the finest wheat), a church in the community of Girasoles, led by Pastor Francisco Rodriguez. Lord, as the seeds of faith are planted in this community, we ask Your provision of good soil so that Your Holy Spirit may bring healing to the community and a Christ-centered identity to each person.

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