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RUN IT BACK

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Community Bible Church

Sermon Discussion Questions: Feb 18, 2024

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Title: Come and See

Text: John 4:27-38

Target: The change you seek to see in other people has to first begin with you.

Question #1: Throughout this series, Pastor Ed has encouraged us to examine how we “neighbor well.” *How would you explain neighboring well in your own words? As our conviction to be intentional and share Jesus with our neighbors has grown through this series, what ideas or approaches have come to mind in reaching those you work with or live next to?*

- I. **The Disciples’ Amazement** : “Just then his disciples came back. They **marveled** that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” (Vs. 27)
 - A. **What is to be Gained:** “What do you seek?” (Vs. 27)
 - B. **What is to be Gleaned:** “Why are you talking with her?” (Vs. 27)

Question #2: Jesus continually broke down social and cultural barriers during his ministry. *How did the compassion and acceptance Jesus showed to the woman at the well influence her engagement in their conversation? What key principles and insights from this story can guide our interactions with others, particularly those who may be different from us culturally, socially, or spiritually?*

- II. **The Woman’s Excitement** : “So the woman **left her water jar** and went away into town and said to the people,” (Vs. 28)
 - A. **Changed Woman:** “left her water jar” (Vs. 28)
 - B. **Courageous Words:** “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” (Vs. 29)
 - C. **Compelling Witness:** “They went out of the town and were coming to him.” (Vs.30)

Question #3: *How do you believe the enthusiasm and courage we gain from powerful encounters with Jesus should shape and inspire our interactions with others? In what ways can these memorable experiences serve us to find practical encouragement and hope in difficult times?*

- III. **The Savior's Nourishment** : "Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, **eat**." (Vs. 31)
- A. **Ministry Minded**: "But he said to them, "**I have food** to eat that you do not know about." (Vs. 32)
 - B. **Meal Minded**: "So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" (Vs. 33)
 - C. **Mission Minded**: "Jesus said to them, "My food is to **do the will of him** who sent me and to accomplish his work." (Vs. 34)

Question #4: Jesus placed a high priority on ministry and set a radical example by dedicating himself to the work he knew God had given him. *If prioritizing a mission-focused mindset became the central focus of your life, how would your life change? Which aspects of your life would undergo the most significant transformation? What habits or priorities would be reorganized in your daily life?*

- IV. **The Harvests' Announcement** : "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'?" (Vs. 35a)
- A. **See the Opportunity**: "**Look**, I tell you, lift up your eyes" (Vs. 35b)
 - B. **Sense the Urgency**: "See that the **fields are white** for harvest." (Vs. 35c)
 - C. **Strive for Unity**: "so that sower and reaper may **rejoice together**" (Vs. 36)
 - 1. **Each has a Role**: "For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'" (Vs. 37)
 - 2. **Seasons of the Harvest**: "I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." (Vs. 38)

Takeaway: Be the Bucket!

Question #5: *How can we identify opportunities to share the Gospel with someone? How do we gauge the appropriateness of striking up that conversation or transitioning a conversation to talk about Jesus? Can you recall any specific examples, positive or negative, from past Gospel conversations you've had or witnessed?*