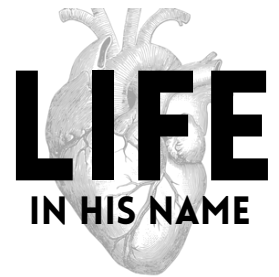


GROWTH GUIDE

Never Thirst Again | John 4:1-42

Week of 10/29/2023



SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: I can truly worship only when Jesus satisfies the thirst of my soul

- 1) Jesus meets us in the real parts of our life. John 4:1-7
- 2) Jesus offers to us the real water we need. John 4:8-15
- 3) Jesus exposes for us the real thirst we have. John 4:16-24
- 4) Jesus guarantees us the real life we've been searching for. John 4:25-42

GROUP DISCUSSION

1) Looking back at the passage, what stood out to you, was helpful, or challenged you? What questions do you have?

2) Check for understanding: What was the relationship between the Jews and the Samaritans in Jesus's day. Why? What brought Jesus to Samaria?

3) What are some of the "thirsts" or longings that we try to satisfy with things other than Jesus? How do we share the message of Jesus to make it most attractive as the ultimate source of fulfillment in a world that often offers temporary satisfaction?

4) How does Jesus expose the real thirst or emptiness in the woman's life (John 4:16-24)? How can we help our brothers and sisters in Christ see areas we're seeking to satisfy with other things?

5) "If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world." -C.S. Lewis

If our longings are ultimately fulfilled in the life to come, what do we do with those longings today? Why do we have them? How should we think about other earthly needs and longings like food, clothing, shelter, etc. in light of Jesus's teaching that he fulfills our deeper needs?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1) Have you actively sought out opportunities to engage with people in the real parts of their lives this week? If not, what's your plan to do that?

2) Share a time when you experienced a significant encounter with Jesus in a seemingly ordinary or unexpected situation.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

- The maturity to recognize our true needs, and to seek fulfillment in Christ.
- Boldness and love to share with others the fulfillment for the desires their seeking to fill
- Everyone at Trunk or Treat to feel loved and with a softer heart toward church and the Gospel

