

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For week of November 1, 2020

MY STORY

This week's message showed Jesus breaking through barriers. Can you think of a barrier(s) in your life God has broken through or might still be in place?

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Rules of etiquette provide boundaries for a "polite" society. Why was Jesus so seemingly unconcerned with rules & regulations?

Matt. 15:1-20

2. What importance does God place on our meeting other's physical needs?

Matt. 25:31-40

James 2:14-18

3. When Jesus addressed the woman's marital status, she shifted the conversation to religion--where to worship--why?

4. What does it mean to worship in "spirit and truth"? Why does God seek such worshippers?

5. Verse 27 reveals some things about the disciples. What do you think they were? Why was it important for them to see Jesus' interaction with the woman?

6. After the woman left, what did Jesus teach the disciples? What does it mean for us today?

7. Jim said that the end of this story is the best part. A small encounter had a big impact. Who is responsible for the encounter and who is responsible for the impact?

TAKING IT HOME

Jesus met people's physical needs and took the opportunity to address their spiritual needs. Can you think of a situation where you can follow His example?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Tips on Group Prayer

Prayer is an important part of being in a Small Group. We've found that group prayer goes better when we follow three simple guidelines:

WE PRAY FOR ONE TOPIC AT A TIME

Anyone in the group is free to introduce a prayer request. Once a request is introduced, the group focuses on that request. Once it's covered, the group moves on to the next topic.

PRAY MORE THAN ONCE

Because the group is focusing on one topic at a time, each person is encouraged to pray several times during the prayer time for those topics they feel most led to pray about. No one is required to pray out loud.

WE KEEP OUR PRAYERS SHORT & SIMPLE

Group prayer goes better when members keep their prayers short and to the point. When someone prays for a long time, it's hard for the other members to stay focused, and long prayers tend to intimidate those who are just learning to pray out loud in a group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Workers of the Month Please pray for a family that WPCCC supports who work in Central Asia.

Operation Christmas Child Be sure to pick up an empty shoebox in the Commons to fill with small Christmas gifts for a child in need.

Parent/Child Dedication November 15th. Interested? Contact the church office at 687-9444.



The Gospel of John---That You May Believe

Physical Needs and Spiritual Truths

John 4:1-42 (ESV) Jim Vandermeer November 1, 2020

A woman, a well, and the Word

How a physical need led to a spiritual truth and saved a town.

I A Violation of Etiquette

- Jesus wasn't afraid to violate the rules of etiquette.
- He understood the importance of physical needs.
- His purpose was to reveal spiritual truth.

II True Worship

- She believed worship was about a physical place.
- He revealed worship is about spirit and truth.
- They limited worship to one group of people.
- He defined worship for everyone.

III A Harvest of Outcasts

- Their physical need obscured a spiritual state.
- Jesus forsook the food which was good, for the harvest, which was best.
- A small encounter had a big impact.