

Learning from the Master!

Feb. 26, 2023 – John 4:1-26 Pastor Jon Pickens

Working through the Account:

The Setting (John 4:1-9)

Critical Question: What details from the first 9 verses help set up the dynamics of this interaction between Jesus and this woman?

The Interaction (John 4:10-15)

Critical Questions: Why is Jesus' interaction with the woman a bit cryptic? What was He communicating to her? What was the significance of the well?

The Plot Thickens (John 4:16-24)

Critical Questions: What was Jesus trying to establish? What walls was He breaking down?

The Climax of the Story (John 4:25-26)

Critical Question: Why is this the climax of the story?

What Can We Learn from Jesus about Evangelism from this account?

- 1. Be **ready** because opportunities come during the normal rhythms of our lives.
- 2. Do not **hide** behind cultural barriers or fears.
- 3. Learn to okay with **awkward** situations.
- 4. Treat people with **dignity** while helping them to see that they need delivered.
- 5. Remember that what people need is **Jesus**.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Can you think of any cultural barriers that exist today that hinder evangelism?
- 2. How do you suppose we move past those barriers for the cause of the Gospel?
- 3. Why is it important for us to learn to be okay with awkward situations?
- 4. What does it look like to treat someone with dignity as a person as opposed to a project?
- 5. What truth is Jesus steering the conversation with the Samaritan woman towards the entire time?
- 6. What do you think the difference is between a gospel that is transactional and one that is transformational? How would this affect our approach to sharing the Gospel?
- 7. What action are you going to do as a result of the message?

Next Steps:

- 1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be in the room behind the Welcome Center after the service.
- 2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pi@fbclowell.org.
- 3. Consider joining an elective. They meet most Sundays at 11am.
- 4. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

February 2023			
(Two Year Reading Plan, Month 14)			
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Starting February 6	Starting February 13	Starting February 20	Starting February 27
Day 1: Ezekiel 42-43	Day 1: Daniel 2	Day 1: Daniel 9	Day 1: Hosea 11-14
Day 2: Ezekiel 44	Day 2: Daniel 3-4	Day 2: Daniel 10-12	Day 2: Joel 1-3
Day 3: Ezekiel 45-46	Day 3: Daniel 5	Day 3: Hosea 1-3	Day 3: Amos 1-2
Day 4: Ezekiel 47, 48	Day 4: Daniel 6	Day 4: Hosea 4-7	Day 4: Amos 3-4
Day 5: Daniel 1	Day 5: Daniel 7-8	Day 5: Hosea 8-10	Day 5: Amos 5-7

²³Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

John 14:23-26 (ESV)

What are you going to do as a result of the message this morning?

²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. ²⁵"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.