

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

11. Where might the mission of God be calling you to stretch your own boundaries and live outside your comfort zone?

12. How can we be intentional about regularly encouraging one another to go “to the other side” for the sake of telling others about life with Jesus?

13. What difference will it make in your everyday encounters with other people if you begin to see them as desperately thirsty people in need of what Jesus offers? Upon what specific relationships in your life does this shed new light?

Prayer Requests

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Sermon Notes

The Other Side

Mark 4:35 – 5:20

Do you know what the phrase “the other side of the tracks” means?

1. C _____ to the other side (Mark 4:35-41)

The other side is not just a geographical term; it is a m_____ term.

2. P _____ to the other side (Mark 5:1-20)

The Decapolis:

a. The m _____ on the other side (Mark 5:1-5)

b. The d _____ on the other side (Mark 5:6-13)

c. The p _____ on the other side (Mark 5:14-17)

d. The w _____ on the other side (Mark 5:18-20)

What is God saying to us today?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. What are some ways we segment and divide ourselves as people in our culture (i.e., ethnicities, social class, etc.)? Which of these are particularly relevant right now?

2. Which of these boundaries are we called to cross in order to take the gospel to those who need to hear it?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ JOHN 4:1-26

3. Why was Jesus unconcerned to travel through Samaria even though it would put Him into contact with “unclean” people? Describe the woman Jesus met in this passage. What stands out to you about His interaction with her?

4. Read Luke 5:31, 19:10; Mark 1:14-15, 10:45. What do we learn about Jesus’ sense of mission from these teachings? How does this relate to Jesus’ encounter with this Samaritan woman?

5. What things in this woman’s life posed as barriers, preventing her from believing in Jesus?

6. What did Jesus’ words in verses 17-18 help the woman understand about her spiritual need? What did they help the woman understand about Jesus?

7. Jesus knew everything about this woman, yet still loved her? To what degree do we, as individuals and as a church, mirror Jesus’ attitude?

JOHN 4:27-42

8. How did the disciples respond when they found Jesus speaking with a Samaritan woman? Contrast this with the response the woman had after her conversation with Jesus?

9. Between the woman and the disciples, who showed a greater understanding of Jesus’ teaching and mission?

10. From the example of the woman at the well, what can we learn is a proper response to the mission and teaching of Jesus? What is the connection between the teaching of Jesus and the mission of Jesus?