

**One Heart Group
March 14th, 2010
Crossing the Line
How does God see us?**

Read Romans 3:22-24

The Woman at the Well

John 4

There are four hearts in this spotlight

Read John 4:1-26

1) The Woman

**She was a Samaritan.
She was a woman with a tainted past.
She was without hope.
She was stunned by the grace of God.**

2) Jesus

**He is actively seeking the lost.
He crosses serious boundaries in order to reach his woman.
He knows her past.
He loves her and offers her grace.**

Read John 4:27-42

3) The Disciples

**They were blind to what really mattered.
They were blinded by prejudice.
They misunderstood God's grace.
They had the desire to change.**

4) The People in the Town

**They heard of Jesus through the woman.
They wanted to see for themselves.
They developed their own faith.**

More verses on reaching the hurting, Matthew 11:28-29, Luke 15

Some questions to contemplate in this study...

**Do we understand that we all have a tainted past?
Would we have crossed that boundary and talked with the woman?
Do we understand how far the grace of Jesus will reach?**

One Heart Questions
Sunday, Mar. 14, 2010

Breaking the Ice

1. When you were in high school, what characteristics described the popular group?
2. Would you say that you were in the popular group or not? Why?
3. Who or what decided who was popular then? Who or what decides it today?
4. Why is it difficult for popular people to associate with the unpopular?

Focus on the passage

Read John 4:1-26

5. How do you think the woman felt when Jesus talked to her? Why?
6. Why do you think Jesus chose to ask her for a drink to start the conversation?
7. Jesus crosses a huge social boundary here to talk with this woman. In today's world, what would you compare it to?
8. Why do you believe it is significant that Jesus didn't condemn her for her past?

Read John 4:27-42

9. Why do you think the disciples were stunned by Jesus talking with this woman?
10. Why do you think it was so important for the disciples to see this?
11. Why do you think it wasn't enough for the people just to believe the woman?

Focus on Us

12. Why is it so important to have a personal relationship with Jesus instead of relying on the faith of others?
13. Prejudice creeps in from many different sources...life experiences, family members, history, etc. In your own struggle to see everyone the same, where do you think it comes from?
14. Why is it hard for us to see everyone the same like Jesus did?
15. What are some things we can do to help us...
 1. Change our hearts in the way we see others?
 2. Reach out to those who we see as different than us?