

8. What are the results of the woman's testimony, and again, why is it so striking considering the cultural barriers of the day?
9. Complete the following thought and discuss. The exchange between Jesus and the Samaritan woman does not _____ the _____ of her _____ actions or decisions, but it does change the _____ of her _____.
10. Are there any other comments or lessons from the message you want to discuss?

Response – Making it Practical

1. Have you ever been labelled or categorized unfairly?
2. How do these verses challenge our contemporary values or lifestyle?

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Life Group Study Notes

Study based on John 4:1-42 - February 12, 2017

We tend to view others through labels and categories. From gender differences to cultural biases, there are many distinctions that tend to divide us rather than unite us.



In this message we look at Jesus' interaction with a woman that was fraught with every cultural taboo. Instead of Jesus bowing to the prejudices of the time, he looked past them and reached the heart of another human being.

Study – Discovering What the Bible Says

1. In last week's study of Galatians 3, would stand out the most for you?
2. What do you think of when you hear that Jesus brought a whole new ethic when he initiated the Kingdom of God on earth? Why?

Read John 4:1-42

3. How many cultural barriers exist in this story? Are they similar or different than the cultural barriers that exist today?
4. What risks did Jesus take by talking to the Samaritan woman?
5. What evangelistic principles can we learn from Jesus' interaction with the woman?
6. Two significant theological themes are given prominence in this section. Take time to expand on each and why they are important to the text.
 - a. What do we learn about worship?
 - b. What do we learn about expectations for a Messiah?
7. The woman's transformation is dramatic. Why? Discuss what must have happened for her to fully embrace the free gift that Christ offered her?