



Life Group
Discussion
Guide
Week 2
8/24/25

Message Summary: What if the person who annoys you most is precisely who God wants you to love? In her message on Jesus's radical encounter with the Samaritan woman, Pastor Tara vulnerably shares her own "alter ego" moments of impatience, then guides us deeper into how Jesus intentionally crossed social barriers, truly saw the overlooked, and approached others with disarming humility. Through her vivid retelling of Tony Campolo's transformative encounter with a homeless man, she challenges us to move beyond comfortable Christianity into genuine, barrier-breaking love. Whether you're struggling with difficult neighbors or seeking authentic faith, this message will inspire you to drink deeply of Christ's living water and pour it out to others. Don't miss this compelling call to revolutionary love!

Conversation Starter: Who was your childhood best friend, and do you still keep in touch with that person?

Prayer:

Open our hearts to Your word, Your truth, and Your direction.

Read the passage together:

John 4:1-15

3-Question Study Method

Use this method to discuss the passage

1. What is the passage about?
2. What lesson do I learn?
3. How will I apply this to my life?

Discussion Questions:

- Read John 4:1-15. Jesus intentionally went through Samaria despite cultural barriers. What are the modern-day "Samarias" in your life - places or people you tend to avoid? How might God be calling you to cross those barriers?
- The Samaritan woman came to the well at noon, likely to avoid others. Who are the "noon-time people" in our community - those who might feel isolated or marginalized? How can we reach out to them?
- Jesus approached the woman with humility by asking for water. How does this contrast with our typical approach to helping others? What can we learn from Jesus's example?
- Read 2 Timothy 1:7. How might this verse empower us to overcome our prejudices and hesitations in loving our neighbors?
- We are to see people as image-bearers of God rather than through labels or stereotypes. What practical steps can we take to develop this perspective in our daily interactions?
- Jesus offered "living water" to the Samaritan woman. How can we ensure we're spiritually filled before attempting to minister to others? What does this look like practically?
- When have you experienced an "interruption" that turned out to be a divine appointment? How can we be more open to these moments?
- At Good Shepherd, we want to be known for being "for our neighbors". What specific actions could our small group take to demonstrate this in our community?

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for stepping through barriers to meet us where we are. Give us guidance in stepping towards the 'Samarias' in our lives to extend love and grace. Give us the ability to truly see others as you see them, recognizing their worth and dignity. We pray for strength and expanded time to prioritize intimacy with you, allowing Your living water to overflow through us. We pray this in Jesus' Name, Amen.