

Who's Your Neighbor?

TODAY'S MAIN POINT

The Gospel has the power to tear down walls and open hearts

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE(S)

John 4:1-42

TEACHING GOAL

Through Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman, students will see how the Gospel dismantles cultural, relational, and moral barriers. Jesus models compassion without compromise and dignity without dilution of truth. Students will be challenged to move toward people others avoid and to share their faith with clarity and courage.

Let's Break the Ice:

- Have you ever felt misunderstood because of something people assumed about you?
- What kind of reputation is hardest to shake in high school?

Bible Study:

- Read Together or Summarize: John 4:1-42

Discussion Questions:

- Why was it shocking that Jesus spoke to this woman? What cultural, social, and moral barriers was He crossing?
- When Jesus exposed her past, what do you notice about His tone and approach? What does that teach us about truth and compassion?
- Who in your world feels "off-limits" socially? Why?
- As a high schooler, how do you discern who to move closer to and who is "bad company" (see 1 Corinthians 15:33)?
- What makes it difficult to talk honestly about your faith with someone outside your circle?

Make it Real:

- In light of the ways you feel labeled or insecure right now, do you believe Jesus sees you fully and moves towards you? Why or why not?

Discipleship Moment:

Identify Your Walls :

- Who in your world feels “off-limits” socially? Why?
- What walls do you personally build – comfort, politics, status, insecurity?
- What makes it difficult to speak honestly about your faith with someone outside your circle?

Prayer:

- Close with group prayer
 - Take prayer requests
 - Celebrate what God has done over the last week