

# 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 that Jesus moves toward people others avoid. He doesn't shame or label — He invites and restores. This week challenges students not to avoid the people Jesus would move toward and reminds them that no one is too far from God's love.

### Let's Break the Ice:

- Have you ever felt judged by someone before they got a chance to know you?
- What makes it hard to talk to someone who's different from you?

### Bible Study:

- Read Together or ask someone to summarize the story: As a group, read John 4:1-30; 39-42
  - *Telos Bible Page Numbers: John 4:1-30 (pg 1037)*

### Discussion Questions:

- Who is someone you'd have a hard time imagining Jesus talking to? What would you do if you walked up on that conversation?
- What does Jesus mean when He calls Himself "living water"?
- Why do people sometimes avoid people with a bad reputation even if they didn't do anything to them personally?
- What do you think an interaction between Jesus and that person with a bad reputation would be like in today's world?
- Reflecting on what Jesus would do, why is it so hard for us to imagine ourselves doing the same thing?

### Make it Real:

- Do you ever feel like you're the one with a label — like people only see your mistakes or your reputation? What does this story tell you about how Jesus sees you? (
  - **Leader note:** Be prepared to meet your students with the truth of the Gospel here. Slow down and lean in)

**(GROW DEEPER - OPTIONAL) Discipleship Moment:  
Meet with Them:**

- This week, make a plan to talk to someone you would normally not have anything to do with. There may even be an opportunity for you to invite your family into this. Maybe you can invite someone over for dinner you wouldn't normally.

**Partner Check-In:** Pair students up and have them commit to checking in with their partner at some point during the week or during your next gathering.

**Prayer:**

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