

Discussion Questions: John's Gospel (4:1-26)

Overview Question:

1. What are your questions, wonderings, disagreements, reflections, AND/OR connections, from the teaching this past Sunday on John 4:1-26, where Jesus interacts at the well with the Samaritan Woman..

Connection and Implication Questions:

2. How does Jesus lead the woman at the well to "see" the truth? What is his process?
3. What stands out about Jesus' process with the Samaritan woman in this passage?
4. What does Jesus' chosen method of helping the woman to "see" tell us about ourselves, if anything?
5. It's easy to say on the one hand, "We as Christians ought to value Truth." But propositional truths about God, Jesus, the Bible, etc., are one thing, while truths about ourselves (our motivations, brokenness, relational struggles, etc.) are quite another thing.
 - a. Which type of truth (propositional or personal) ultimately says more about a person?
 - b. Is it possible to say which type of truth was more important to Jesus here in this episode with the Samaritan woman?
 - c. Which type of truth is easier to focus on/work with?
 - d. Which type of truth did the woman appear to prefer talking about initially?
6. Jesus appears to address the woman's personal past with a view toward ultimately loving/caring about her (helping her to come to see what's true). For many of us, our past can often elicit feelings of shame (or maybe not just our past) that we try to hide from. What does Jesus' interaction with the woman of Samaria (and how the story ends) ultimately say about God's intent/use that He makes of our own past? Secondly, does God shame us, or are shame and guilt different?