



JESUS

LIONMAN *of* JUDAH

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PART 23: **JESUS ENTERS INTO AND REMOVES OUR SHAME**

John 4:1-42

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Open Your Group in Prayer. Use the Prayer Guide on the next page for Suggestions.

Read John 4:1-42.

1. What stands out to you from this passage?
2. Why do you think it says that Jesus "had" to go through Samaria in v. 4?
3. What does Jesus' weariness reveal about him (v. 6)?
4. The Samaritan woman comes to the well at noon (v. 6-7), alone, because of her shame. What are some similar ways people change their patterns to avoid others because of their shame today?
5. If you had to describe the feeling of shame, how would you describe it?
6. When we struggle with shame, why do we tend to isolate ourselves? How was the Samaritan woman isolating herself?
7. How did Jesus help rescue her from her shame? (Obviously by bearing it for her on the cross, but on a practical human level, what did he do in this story to help relieve her shame?) How can you help others dealing with shame?
8. **Read Hebrews 12:1-2.** What themes of this passage do you see playing out in John 4?
9. **Go back and Read John 3:1-21.** Compare that encounter with this one. Jesus' theological discussion with the woman at the well was as deep, if not deeper than this earlier one with a Pharisee. How were Nicodemus and this woman different? How quickly did they recognize Jesus as Messiah?
10. **John 4:28** reveals that the woman left her water jar at the well. Why is that a significant part of this narrative?
11. What does the woman do to share her faith (v. 29)?
12. Why were the disciples shocked to find Jesus talking to a woman when they returned?
13. Have you ever been shocked to see someone talking to someone that you never thought they'd associate with? Who would people be shocked to see you reach out to?
14. **Read John 4:39-42.** What happened after the woman told the people of Sychar about her encounter by the well? How can we follow her example when we witness to others?
15. Which is a bigger takeaway for you from this passage: A) Jesus relieves and removes our shame, or B) A call to be more like Jesus and reach out and love the unlovely?

6:7 family questions

Read John 4:1-26

- Where was Jesus going? Where did he stop to rest?
- Why was the woman at the well surprised that Jesus spoke to her?
- What message did Jesus give to the woman (vs. 21-24)?
- Are there any people or kinds of people that you try to avoid? Why?
- How do you think they would respond if you talked to them about Jesus?

Pray that God would give you the love and courage needed to tell others about Jesus.

These simple questions are designed to help you live out the command in Deuteronomy 6:7 to teach our kids and make God's Word a natural topic of conversation in our homes. Use them at the dinner table, in the car, or whenever you find your family together with a few moments to spare.

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF JULY 6, 2014

During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.

Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.

NOTE: *Due to the sensitive nature of some items on the Prayer Guide, we do not publish it online. Email the church office to sign up for the email prayer list: office@wawaseebible.com*