



Small Group Questions

"The Moment of Truth"

Week of April 30, 2023

Icebreaker:

What is the meaning behind your name? Did you grow up liking your name?

Discussion Questions:

1. Review: Have someone read John 4:1-42 aloud to the group. Is this story familiar to you?

How has it influenced your life?

Does anything new stand out to you today as you read it?

2. John 4:6 tells us the Samaritan woman went to the well in the heat of the day rather than the cool of the evening or morning. Who or what do you think she was avoiding? Why?

3. Think of a time when you were treated as "less than" by your peers or felt judged by "religious" people. How did you handle the situation? Confrontation? Avoidance? Begrudging acceptance?

Has there been a time when you isolated yourself from others because you were in pain- not due to people but from difficult circumstances?

When did you decide to let others in?

How did it feel to share your story?

4. Often, when Jesus had a conversation with a person, his words would have meaning on a deeper, more spiritual level, yet the other person would still be thinking at a more concrete and literal level. Where does this happen in the story? (Hint: more than once!)

5. How does Jesus turn the woman's diversion in verse 19 to his aim in the conversation?

6. Why do you think Jesus revealed himself as Messiah to her?

Personal reflection: What would Jesus say to you if he walked up and saw you today?

Prayer: Take intentional time to pray for one another, our community, our local church, and our Church across the globe. Pray for opportunities to share God's hope to those marginalized by society.