

Food for Thought for the week of March 27, 2016 - Easter

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion)

Text: John 4:1-30

1. What impact did Sunday's message have on you? What challenged you? What questions did it raise? What confused you?
2. Describe the way(s) that God has pursued you or waited for you throughout your life? (vs 6)
3. What is the "gift of God" Jesus is talking about? Also read John 7:38-39. (vs 10)
Note: John often has double meanings for words in his Gospel.
4. Jesus offered this woman "the gift of God" before He addressed her sin. How, if at all, does that challenge the way you typically "share your faith" with a non-believer?
5. What religious practices or beliefs that you once held to be legit are actually bogus? i.e. If I go to church I'll go to Heaven; there are many ways to God; etc. (vs 19-26)
6. What do you need God to do in your life that you simply cannot do by your own power even though you've tried it "a thousand times"? (vs 13-15)
7. That day, what drove this woman to talk to the people that she avoided every other day? (vs 28) Hint: guilt, shame and fear are horrible taskmasters and relationship destroyers!
8. Have each person in your group talk through their application from this passage. What are you going to stop believing and/or doing? What are you going to begin believing and/or doing?

For Further Study: Read Jeremiah 2 (particularly vs 13)