

TALK IT OVER

Rescue Mission:

Making Friends For Eternity

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Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group or use one of these.

Think back to when you were younger. Who was someone who made you feel welcomed, included, or accepted? What did the person do that made a difference?

Please read **John 4:4-10** aloud.

- How did Jesus find common ground with the Samaritan woman?
- What ways can you find common ground with someone you do not know?
- Jesus didn't rush to preach; He began with a relationship. What is one practical way you could be more proactive in building relationships this week?

Please read **John 4:13-18 and 25-26** aloud.

- What is the difference between genuinely caring about someone and becoming "friends" with someone simply because we want to bring them to Christ?
- Why is your personal story often more powerful than trying to win an argument?
- What has Jesus personally done in your life that gives YOU a reason to believe?

Please read **John 4:28-30 and 39-42** aloud.

- Share a time when God used a simple conversation, kindness, or invitation in a way you didn't expect?
- Jesus reached one woman. THEN the Samaritan woman reached her community. THEN many people came to Jesus. Who is your Samaritan?

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Start Praying: Be bold and pray with power.

Heavenly Father, Thank You for rescuing us through Jesus Christ and reconciling us to Yourself. Thank You that You didn't leave us where You found us, but reached across every barrier to bring us home. Lord, help us become people who build bridges instead of walls. Give us the courage to be proactive, the authenticity to be genuine, and wisdom to find common ground with people who may be different from us. Give us opportunities to share why we follow Jesus. When we don't know what to say, remind us of our own story and why we believe. Like the Samaritan woman, may we never underestimate what You can do through one ordinary person who is willing to tell others about Jesus. Use our lives to rescue others. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leader: Make time to pray for and with each other. Break into groups of three, take time for healing prayer, or pray with individuals requesting prayer. This is important!

Start Doing:

Who has God placed in your life right now who needs to experience His love? What is one step you can take this week to begin building a B.R.I.D.G.E. to them?

Romans 5:11 tells us we have been reconciled to God
2 Corinthians tells us we have also been given the ministry of reconciliation.

God didn't just rescue us from something; He rescued us for something - helping others find their way home to Him.