



SBSG –Walk This Way: Samaria

The Purpose of a Sermon Based Small Group (to be read at the beginning of each gathering)

The purpose of our small group is to actively pursue Christ through relationships, as we worship, serve, and belong together.

READ ALOUD BY ALL (allow this prayer to shape your time together)

Dear God, help me in this dialogue to be humble & suspend judgment. I recognize that we are all created in your image. Give me courage to stay curious about each other by asking questions. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to meet together and in so doing grow closer to you. AMEN

Sermon Series: The Journey

Opening question: Have you ever had a crucial faith conversation with someone? What was the outcome?

Sermon Synopsis: Jesus did not ‘need’ to go through Samaria. He went there for the specific purpose to have a crucial faith conversation with the woman at the well. Jesus life was about meeting ordinary people exactly where they were in their faith journey but never criticizing or condemning them. He loves us exactly where we are in our level of faith development but loves us so much that He does not want us to stay there. At times, He was not afraid to have hard and penetrating conversations to move people along in their faith journey. Jesus continues helping us like that today.

Bible Reading

Reading the Bible is about reading for practice and spiritual formation – spiritual formation, in which the reader seeks to be formed by the Spirit of God.

Passage(s) from the sermon: Jn 4:4-25

Why didn’t Jews associate with Samaritans? Why did Jesus break with this convention?
What is something new you learned from our scripture?

Discipleship Point: Jesus actively seeks us exactly where we are

Application: How do we become non-judgmental like Jesus when dealing with people who are not at our level of faith development?

Accountability: How can your small group hold you accountable this week?

Personal Prayer Request

Share a one or two sentence prayer request with the Small Group for this next week. Remember these prayer requests are about your life not someone else’s.

(Sample Prayer)

God, we thank you for your presence with us. We lift up these requests to you knowing that you care deeply about us...we pray for _____ and _____ and (fill in prayer requests) ... God we know that you have heard our request and we release all outcomes to you and your glory. It’s in your Son’s name Jesus that we pray...AMEN.