

## **“We are the Church”**

### **Part 3-Refashioned Lives**

#### **(A Response to Recent Events in Our Country)**

#### **John 4:1-42**

### **3 Thoughts about the ministry of Jesus...**

- 1. Jesus didn't see the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, He saw a person in \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Now He had to go through Samaria. So He came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as He was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.*

*When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)*

*The Samaritan woman said to Him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can You ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)*

*John 4:4-9 NIV*

- 2. Jesus didn't focus on \_\_\_\_\_, He focused on \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?” Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”*

*He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”*

*“I have no husband,” she replied.*

*Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” John 4:10-18 NIV*

**3. Jesus didn't focus on \_\_\_\_\_, He focused on \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."*

*"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."*

*The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."*

*Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am He." John 4:19-26 NIV*

**Key Point #1: The Ministry of Jesus was to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they urged him to stay with them, and He stayed two days. And because of His words many more became believers.*

*They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this Man really is the Savior of the world." John 4:39-42 NIV*

**Key Point #2: The \_\_\_\_\_ is God's plan to carry this \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel for the transformation of all people and cultures.**

**The Great Commission...**

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 NIV*

*There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28 NIV*

### **3 Steps we can take to bring this hope to our world...**

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

*My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry....James 1:19 NIV*

2. \_\_\_\_\_.

*pray continually... 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **the light of Jesus to the world.**

*We know that we have come to know Him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys His word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we*

*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Isaiah 52:7 NIV*

**How beautiful is our Gospel? Our Good News?**