

SERMON NOTES

John 4:1-42 - Everyone?

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 4:9

Samaritans?

Women?

Jesus Shatters Barriers

Past or present doesn't matter

– Jesus doesn't judge on those.

Why Jesus Came

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work." John 4:34

Barrier between God and humanity

Barrier between people groups

For [Christ Jesus] himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility... Ephesians 2:14

Together before God in Worship

Spirit & Truth

These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31



Review the sermon. What were the main points?
What stood out to you or raised questions for you?

What is the potential significance of Jesus meeting with the Pharisee leader at night (John 3), and the Samaritan woman under the noon-day sun?

The woman went immediately to town and made bold proclamations – becoming the first evangelist. Nicodemus did not, but see what he did in John 7:50-51 and 19:38-39. What might account for the differences between these two people and their involvement in the Kingdom of God?
What does might this teach us?

What barriers are common between people today?
What groups do you feel the most separation from, where do you sense barriers of hostility?
How might Jesus' approach help break down these barriers?

There can be barriers of hostility, and also distance of difference. Can we distant from people because of different beliefs, without it being hostile toward them? What might this look like? Are there situations where this might be right?

Read Ephesians 2:13-22 – What do you learn? What other connections do you see between this passage and John 3&4?

Prayer:

Jesus, I believe that you are the Son of God, the Messiah, and the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Forgive me when I allow man-made dividing walls of hostility to keep me from others made in your image. Thank you for coming to everyone, and transforming us into those who worship the Father in spirit and truth. Praise be to your name. Amen.