

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – March 12-17
Doing Life Together – Stump Stories pt 9

MONDAY:

KEY VERSE: John 4:4-6

OBSERVATION: He did not have to go through Samaria. This was a deliberate choice other Jews never made. They hated the Samaritans, they considered them to be racial and religious half breeds. So they went around two longer routes to avoid them. But Jesus went through Samaria because there was someone He had to see there. They arrived just outside a little village around noon and Jesus stayed at the well.

TUESDAY:

KEY VERSE: John 4:7-9

OBSERVATION: Do we let social, racial or religious barriers keep us from befriending people who need to know the Lord Jesus and who could enrich our lives and broaden our understanding of the love of God for all people. I see wonderful examples of this in Christians who cross these barriers to reach out to immigrants and homeless people all over our city. Others have gone to help those who lost everything in Katrina and other disasters. Notice how Jesus responded to her question.

WEDNESDAY:

KEY VERSE: John 4:10

OBSERVATION: this woman had to trust Him before she could receive His gift. And people have to trust us before they will trust the Savior we say we believe in. Notice how He stimulated her curiosity. What was the gift? Who was He? What was living water? When we choose to be authentic and vulnerable gradually depending on the person's response, just as Jesus did, trust can be established and good things come from it.

THURSDAY:

KEY VERSE: John 4:11-14

OBSERVATION: Living water to her meant a fresh spring in contrast to a pool or cistern. Her answer shows that they were on different wave lengths. She was literal. He used terms that had deep spiritual significance. But he was not discouraged by her cluelessness. Living water was used symbolically in the O.T. to refer to God. Jer. 2:13

FRIDAY:

KEY VERSE: John 4:16-18

OBSERVATION: Jesus knew all about her before he met her. (Omniscience) He accepted her just as she was. This does not mean he approved of her life style. She was either widowed or divorced 5 times. Only men could initiate divorce. Can you imagine what her self image was. The only man that would stay with her was one who would not marry her.

SATURDAY:

KEY VERSE: John 4:26

OBSERVATION: This is total self revelation. This the only time before His trial that Jesus stated this so clearly. He revealed His identity to this immoral Samaritan woman, not to the religious leaders or even to His own disciples. This was remarkable in a day when the rabbis taught that to teach a woman spiritual truth was like teaching a dog; that it was better to burn the Scriptures than to teach a woman.