

ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS:

His Word is Enough, John 4

November 19, 2023



1. Read John 4:1-8. Why do you think Jesus chose to leave Judea?
Why did he care what the Pharisees had learned?
What three things can you learn about Jesus in John 4:6-7?
2. Read Ephesians 5:15-16. How difficult is it to recognize an opportunity or be interested in others when you are “hangry?”
What can we do to get our emotions, feelings, and self-absorption out of the way and recognize opportunities that are right in front of us?
3. Read John 4:9-29. What was important to Jesus in this encounter with the woman?
Why did he interact with this several times-divorced Samaritan woman and not a pious Jewish man?
4. Why is it difficult to reach out to people who are not like us?
5. In the message, a definition was suggested for worship: *whatever we give our time, money, energy, thoughts, affection, commitment, and devotion*. As busy Americans in the 21st Century, why is that a challenging definition when we think about the way we worship God?
6. Read Luke 15:1-7. Do you remember what it felt like to be the lost and wandering sheep and how did you feel when Jesus put you on his shoulders and carried you to safety?
7. What are we doing to help others find Jesus?

8. What are some things that people believe in that they either haven't seen or can't see?
9. When do we usually find ourselves asking God to help us?
10. When faced with a trial in your life, how do you most often respond?
11. How does seeing the official's faith make you feel about your faith in Jesus Christ? Explain.
12. Put yourself in the place of this father. What would you have been thinking and feeling on your way to find Jesus?
What do you think your walk home would have been like?
13. Is there a situation in your life where God might be working to strengthen your faith?
What kind of faith will you exercise in response?