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JOHN 1-6

Today's Worship Service

PRAISE

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)

Call To Worship

["God So Loved"](#)

Welcome & Announcements

[John 3:16](#)

Bergthold, Cash

Pastor Mike Matheson

RENEWAL

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Pastoral Prayer

["He Will Hold Me Fast"](#)

["Jesus Is Better"](#)

["I Stand Amazed in the Presence"](#)

Offering

Pastor Mike Matheson

Habershon, Merker

Ivey, Land

Elkins, Gabriel, Noblitt

PROCLAMATION

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

Reading of the Word

[John 4:1-42](#)

Reader: This is God's Word for us today.

All: Thanks be to God.

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. (Psalm 63:3)

["Who You Say I Am"](#)

Benediction

Fielding, Morgan

Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon Review Discussion Questions

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

The question of satisfaction can be thrown at us in many arenas. Were you satisfied with your shopping experience? Complete this survey for a chance to win a gift card. Were you satisfied with your dining experience? Leave a review online. Satisfaction at a consumer level will vary from person to person. But what about at the spiritual level? Are you ever really satisfied? Too often the answer is no and we seek to find satisfaction from the variety of offerings the world has for us—much like the woman Jesus met at the well. In [John 4](#) we learn that only Jesus satisfies our deepest needs. Further, those who embrace this truth will bring others to him to experience true and lasting satisfaction.

Discussion Questions

1. How often do you complete customer surveys at the bottom of your shopping receipts? Which is more likely to prompt you to fill one out—an outstanding shopping/service experience or a really, really awful shopping/service experience?
2. What stands out to you about the setting and situation of Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well? Why was this such a controversial interaction? How does this meeting with the woman differ from Jesus' meeting with Nicodemus ([3:1-21](#))?
3. How do Jesus' words to the woman reveal her true need? In what ways had the woman sought satisfaction prior to her encounter with Jesus? In what ways do you seek ultimate satisfaction apart from knowing God through Jesus? What do you think it would take to realize how ultimately unsatisfying other saviors are?
4. How does the question and response regarding worship (vs. 20-26) reveal our need for Jesus in order to rightly worship God? Why do we find it difficult to trust in someone other than ourselves to please God? How can we fully entrust our satisfaction to Jesus?
5. How did the woman's response demonstrate her finding satisfaction in Jesus (vs. 27-30)? What does it communicate when we invite others to "come and see" Jesus? Why is this a meaningful way to gauge our satisfaction being rooted in Jesus?

In-Sermon Focus Questions

These questions are designed to keep you engaged during the sermon.

1. What is the main theme/idea is this conversation driving us toward?
2. Why does John say that Jesus "had to pass through Samaria"?
3. What is the living water Jesus is talking about here?
4. What does it mean to worship in spirit in truth?
5. How does the Samaritan woman become an example for all of us?

Sermon Notes

Preacher: Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon: Are You Ever Really Satisfied?

Scripture: [John 4:1-42](#)

Date: March 22, 2020

For more information on this topic look into:

John: A 12-Week Study. (Knowing the Bible series) by Justin Buzzard

John 1-12 For You (God's Word for You) by Josh Moody

ESV Scripture Journal

Next Week's Sermon Preparation

These questions are for personal use during the week to help you prepare for next week's passage, [John 4:43-54](#).

Context

1. What has happened so far in the narrative? Have there been any major events, characters, or themes?
2. What has happened just prior to the section you are reading?

Observation

1. What do you learn about the main characters in this section? How does the author describe them? How do they describe themselves?
2. Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
3. Is there a conflict or high point in the passage?
4. Do you think there is a main point or theme in this section of the story?
5. What surprises are there?

Meaning

1. Are there any 'editorial' comments from the author about the events in the narrative? How do these comments illuminate what is happening?
2. Does someone in the narrative learn something or grow in some way? How? What does this person learn?
3. What does the passage reveal about who Jesus is, and what he came into the world to do?
4. How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

Application

1. How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
2. Is there some attitude you need to change?
3. What does this passage teach you about being a disciple of Jesus?

Adapted from: *One to One Bible Reading, A Simple Guide for Every Christian*
by David Helm (Available at the Grace Book Cart)

G PRAYER GUIDE

Continue praying as a church during the COVID-19 situation

Pray for Local & National Government Officials

- Ask God to give wisdom to those making decisions regarding public health.
- Pray that these officials would seek God as the true source of wisdom.
- Ask God to use his people as agents of peace rather than panic.

Pray for Healthcare Workers

- Ask God to protect those caring for those infected with the virus.
- Pray that God would give strength to and sustain all healthcare workers during the pandemic.
- Pray that God would help doctors to effectively treat this virus.

Pray for the Healing of the Sick

- Ask God to restore those infected with the COVID-19 virus back to health.
- Pray for countries that have been severely impacted by this virus (China, Italy, and Iran) and that the virus would cease to spread.
- Pray for the public to behave wisely to help decrease the spread of the virus.

Pray for Our Gatherings to Resume Quickly

- Pray that God would give wisdom to the Elder Council as they decide when to resume our worship gatherings.
- Ask God to help us understand the importance of gathering together regularly for worship, encouragement, and accountability.
- Pray that our congregation would remain healthy—physically and spiritually—during this time of social distancing.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Easter Memorial Flowers

Due to the our currently suspended services and uncertainty of future services and also to our need to keep spending down we have cancelled our Easter flower order.

How are you doing?

We miss seeing everyone during the week and especially on Sundays! If you have a prayer need, please email us at info@graceinracine.com. We'd love to be praying for you during this crazy time. You can also submit a prayer request via the website graceinracine.com

Also, if you have a personal need that we can help you with, please contact the church office and let us know! 262.632.2111 or info@graceinracine.com.

We recognize that some may be facing severe economic hardship, we'd love to have a conversation about how we might be able to help in some way as well. The benevolence ministry is available only to regular attenders and members. Contact Lynn Newlun at lnewlun@graceinracine.com or 977.6532

Giving on Realm

1. Log into your Realm account
(don't have a Realm account? Visit graceinracine.com/realm to set one up)
2. On the left menu, select "Community"
3. Select "Giving"
4. On the "Giving" page, select the blue box with +Give.
5. From this point, you indicate the amount, designated fund, & frequency.
6. Select "Continue" and then will be prompted to enter bank information.

On the passing of his father, Rodney Schultz, we extend our sympathies to Glenn & Jessica Schultz.

We send our love, prayers, and sympathy to all the friends and family of Doris Madsen who recently passed away.

Last Week: Livestream Attendance: 240

Giving: Last Week: \$6,469 YTD: \$292,655 +/- Budget: -\$41,002

Here are some Key Words to Listen for in the sermon. Make a mark every time you hear these words:

WATER

JESUS

LIFE

SATISFACTION

THIRST



Are You Ever Really Satisfied?

Use a copy of the English Standard Version (ESV) of the Bible to fill in the missing words below from John 4:13-14. Then listen to the message and fill in the outline below.



_____ said to her, " _____ who _____ of this
 _____ will be _____ again, but whoever _____ of the
 _____ that I will _____ him will _____ be _____ again. The _____ that
 I _____ him will become in him a _____ of _____ welling up to
 _____."

OUTLINE OF TODAY'S PASSAGE

- I. S _____ : _____ sitting at a _____ (verse 1-6)
- II. S _____ : A _____ who wants more than just _____ (v. 7-15)
- III. S _____ : From _____ to _____ (v. 16-26)
- IV. S _____ : _____ and _____ the _____ of the _____ (v.27-42)

WHAT IS THE MAIN IDEA OF TODAY'S PASSAGE?
 (You can copy it down or say it in your own words)

AFTER THE SERMON ACTIVITY

Did you know that the woman at the well was the first recorded non-Jew to become a friend of Jesus by placing her trust in Him? Jesus is the answer to our satisfaction problem no matter where we live or what we look like. Here's an activity that you can use to talk with your family about sharing the good news of Jesus with all kinds of sinners:

Sit down with a snack of M&Ms with your child. Comment about all the different colors of M&Ms. You might even find some that are different shapes. Then have your child bite an M&M in half as you do the same. Talk about how all M&Ms are the same on the inside. Comment that this is like people. God has creatively made us all different looking on the outside but on the inside we are all sinners in need of Someone to rescue us from our sin. No matter how we look, we all have sinful hearts that need Jesus. Tell your family about how much you love M&Ms and how much you enjoy sharing them with them—but it is much better is to share the best things of all—Jesus—with other people! When the M&Ms are gone, comment that now it is gone, but what Jesus gave the woman at the well will never run out. Jesus satisfies us forever! That is just one of the amazing wonderful things about Jesus! Spend some time talking about the Gospel and closing in prayer thanking Jesus for being the best gift!



****Bonus Activity:** Select some Grace missionaries or a local partnership and make cards or write letters encouraging these who share the good news of Jesus with all different kinds of people!

REVIEW TODAY'S MESSAGE BY DISCUSSING THESE QUESTIONS AS A FAMILY:

- 1. WHO WAS JESUS TALKING TO IN THIS PASSAGE? WHAT HAD SHE BEEN WANTING? WHAT DID SHE TRULY NEED? RETELL WHAT HAPPENED IN TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE IN YOUR OWN WORDS.
- 2. WHAT IS A TRUTH ABOUT JESUS THAT YOU LEARNED IN TODAY'S MESSAGE? WHAT IS A TRUTH ABOUT YOURSELF THAT YOU LEARNED IN TODAY'S MESSAGE? WHAT IS ONE SPECIFIC THING YOU WANT TO TAKE TO HEART AND APPLY TO YOUR LIFE THIS WEEK AS A RESULT OF WHAT YOU LEARNED? HOW CAN YOUR FAMILY HELP YOU DO THIS?