

Discipleship Part 3 (Mike Kaye, CE Elder)

God can use YOU! Discipleship Part 1 emphasized that God has called **you** to be a disciple. Discipleship Part 2 stressed that His call is for an **active** discipleship, necessary for you to continuously grow to be more like Jesus. This lesson utilizes one of my favorite Bible stories--the Samaritan woman at the well--to illustrate that God can use you at every stage of your growth in Christ. The parts I love most:

- Jesus **had to** go thru Samaria! Going thru Samaria the trip would take ~3 days. But every other Jew would go around Samaria which would take ~6 days. Jesus **had to** go this way because this woman and those townspeople were there!
- Scandalous to talk to a woman! And a Samaritan woman? NOOO!!! Rabbis: "Let no one talk with a woman in the street, no, not with his own wife."
- The woman came to the well at noon--the hottest part of the day--when no one else would be there. Out of shame? To avoid nasty glares or even driven away?
- She wasn't bashful in talking with Jesus, but rapidly changed the subject when He disclosed that He knew her history. She realized He could look into her heart and soul and that was too uncomfortable. Many today reject Christ because they don't want to face who they really are and don't want to give up their lifestyle.
- *Living water*--cool stream water; "Jacob's well" today ~135 ft deep, water is tepid
- The woman came to the well for water, but became so excited that she left her water jar and went to the town--to face those she had avoided by going to the well at noon. Those who may have shunned her, averted their eyes and covered their ears whenever she approached. But this time is different. She will not stay in the shadows and will not be intimidated. She is on **fire**! A fire in her heart that Jesus has lit--she is burning to tell everybody and to bring them to Him!
- My favorite part: this woman who knew Jesus for what, 15 to 30 minutes, forgot how people regarded her and brought the people to Jesus while His disciples, who have been learning from Him, came back empty-handed of people.
- * We should also be on fire to tell others about Jesus and what He means to us!
- * Pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide you in giving witness.
- * Be **active** to build your faith and be able answer others' questions about it.

Missed the first classes? You're still welcome whenever you can make it!

- **Sunday, 9 am: Sermon topic of the day**; Cher Kaye
- **Sunday, 9 am: Book of Romans**; Melissa Vande Mark
- **Monday, 2:30 pm; Book of Revelation**; Mike Kaye