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John 4:4-22; 28-29; 39-42

General:

- Pastor Michael began by asking what you would ask Jesus if you were sitting across from Him. What would you honestly want to ask Jesus right now, and why?
- Can you relate to the feeling of being tired (not just physically)? Where do you feel worn down or depleted in this season of life?
- How does this passage challenge or comfort you to know that Jesus often meets people where they least expect Him, or when they least feel worthy?
- Pastor Michael repeatedly asked, "What parts of the Samaritan woman do you see in your own life?" Where do you identify with her story? (Wounds? Damage? Defeated? Feelings of unworthiness? Something else?)
- In verse 10, Jesus refers to Himself as Living Water. What do you think Jesus means by that? Where do you tend to look for "water" that never fully satisfies?
- Do you truly believe that everything you need can be found in Jesus? What makes that belief easy or difficult for you to live out practically?
- Eugene Peterson said: "The Samaritan woman had been trying to quench a God shaped thirst with human substitutes. Jesus names her thirst, then gives her Himself." What substitutes do people today (including you) often turn to instead of God? How do those substitutes fall short?
- In verses 28-29, the woman leaves her water jar behind to tell others about Jesus. What might Jesus be inviting you to leave behind?
- Verses 40-42 show the Samaritans believing not just because of her story, but because they encounter Jesus themselves. What does this teach us about the power of personal testimony and the importance of pointing people to Jesus, not ourselves?

Take Home 1: The Samaritan woman's story reminds us that living on mission is not complicated

- Do you see your everyday life (relationships, opportunities, interactions) as part of God's mission? Why or why not?
- Who has God already placed in your life that you could reflect Jesus to this year?
- How might God use you this year if you committed to intentionally sitting with people and pointing them toward someone better?

Take Home 2: The Samaritan woman reminds us that before God works through us, He first wants to work in us

- Are there areas of your life where you're more focused on doing for God than being with God?
- Where might Jesus want to do some inner work in you before working through you?
- Pastor Michael talked about how being equipped, connected, and serving in a church like Grace helps shape who God is forming us to be. Which of these three do you most need to lean into right now?

Take Home 3: The Samaritan woman should remind us there is nothing in our stories they is too broken to be used by God

- Like the Samaritan woman, are there parts of your story that you've hidden or dismissed that God may want to redeem?
- Pastor Michael concluded saying: "There is nothing in our stories, in our past, nothing that we came into a new year with that can keep Jesus from loving every part of you." Which part of your story do you struggle most to believe that about—and what would it look like to trust Jesus with it?