

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE KINGDOM IS REAL: WEEK 3

*While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to **southeastchristian.org** to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!*

What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word 'transformation'? In your experience, is transformation something that usually happens quickly or is it something that takes time? What is the greatest story of transformation you can think of – whether it's something that happened to you or to someone else?

Read John 4:1-15. Why do you think the text says Jesus “had” to go through Samaria? How would this have been surprising to His contemporaries? Who did Jesus encounter at the well? What did He ask her for? How did she initially misunderstand His words about “living water”?

What did Jesus have to say about the “living water” He could provide? How does this call back to the power Trip talked about last week? How does the imagery of living water point us towards our eternal hope? How does it speak of the redemption and transformation available to us right now?

Read John 4:16-30. How did Jesus reveal His identity to this woman? Why is it significant that this is the first time He revealed Himself as the Messiah? What does this say about His heart for this woman? What does it say about His heart for the Samaritans? In what ways does the Gospel break down our man-made prejudices?

Dave talked about the progression this woman went through. She first saw Jesus as a Jew (4:9), then a man (4:11), then a prophet (4:19), then Messiah (4:25), and finally as the Savior of the World (4:42). How does this progression compare with how you came to know Jesus? Where do you think people today can get stuck on this progression?

How was this woman an unlikely evangelist? What excuses can we make to keep from sharing our faith? How does the example of the Samaritan woman help us overcome those excuses? Close in prayer by asking God to help each of you share your faith in the coming week.