



Breaking Barriers

JOHN 4:1-42

"They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.'" (John 4:42, ESV)

Introduction

Jesus broke through barriers to reach the marginalized. In John 4, he intentionally pursued a Samaritan woman who was separated from Him by ethnicity, religion, gender, morality, and social stigma. Rather than avoiding difficult people, Jesus moved toward them with grace and truth to offer eternal life.

Today, God calls his people to courageously cross barriers so that others may know Christ. This study examines barriers that keep us from sharing the gospel and how we can become faithful witnesses where God has placed us.

Review the Sermon

Read v1-26: Identify the various barriers Jesus breaks through in speaking to this woman about the Life she needs. How does he approach her with grace and truth?

Read v27-38: Why is it necessary for every disciple to break through barriers with bold witness for Christ?

Read v39-42: Who is supposed to be a witness for Christ to the world? What do they need to know to be effective?



Assess your Life

What types of people are naturally difficult for you to connect with? Why?

Which barrier is currently strongest in your life: fear, busyness, insecurity, prejudice, uncertainty, or something else?

Do you tend to focus more on winning arguments or winning people?

Apply the Truth

What simple, natural conversation starter could open the door to spiritual discussion?

What opportunities already exist in your workplace, neighborhood, school, or family?

What practical steps can help you become more confident in sharing your testimony and the gospel?

Commit this Week

This week, I will pray specifically and look for opportunities to share my faith with someone who needs Christ.

"Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.'" (John 4:34, ESV)