

Sunday Sermon Notes

"Celebrating"

Some words about "Team Work" *1 Corinthians 13:13*

We have visionary hope
We have courageous faith
We have unifying love

So what is there to celebrate? *2 Samuel 6*

God's victory
God's presence
God's holiness
God's blessing

How did David celebrate?

With sacrifice
With intensity
With abandonment
With generosity

So how do we choose to celebrate? *Psalms 100*

By shouting
By singing
By knowing
By praising

Some things we need to remember:

It's not about me!
It's not about you!
It's not about them!
It's all about Him!

Do you know what I want to do?

I just want to celebrate!
Even if it means being a little "undignified"

Digging Deeper

Notes for Individual Meditation and Small Group Discussion

Share with the group a memory of a time in which you celebrated with "abandonment." How did celebrating like that make you feel?

Review the sermon notes from Sunday's sermon. What point in the sermon made the greatest impact on you?

Read John 4:1-26.

#1 - Where was Jesus going? Where did he stop to rest? What time of day was it? (v. 4-6) Note: The sixth hour in their day would be noon in ours. Who came to the well as Jesus rested there?

#2 - What question did Jesus ask the woman? Why was she surprised at this question? (v. 8-9)

#3 - As their conversation continues, it is clear that Jesus and the woman are talking about two different kinds of water (v. 10-15). Describe the ways that the water Jesus gives is different from the water that comes from the well.

#4 - In the Bible, water is often a symbol of the Spirit of God. When Jesus says, "The water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life," what do you think he is describing?

#5 - When the woman asks Jesus to give her the living water, he responds by talking about her "husband" (v. 15-18). Why do you think her lifestyle and relationships are a significant issue at this point in their conversation? What happens to our ability to worship when we insist on hanging on to our sinful lifestyle?

#6 - In verse 19, the woman changes the direction of the conversation from focusing on the water to focusing on the place of worship. In verse 21, Jesus changes the direction of

the conversation further by focusing on “true worship.” How does Jesus say true worshipers will worship?

#7 – The Samaritan people believed that only the first 5 books of the Old Testament were valid and did not accept the other parts of Scripture. What impact do you believe this had on their knowledge of God and how he works? What are some ways we selectively choose parts of His Word and not His whole Word?

#8 – In verse 26, Jesus reveals His identity. How significant do you think it is that he revealed himself to a woman? ...a Samaritan? ...a sinner?

#9 – Since God is spirit, what do you think it means to worship in “spirit”? What are some ways God reveals himself to us through his Spirit?

#10 – The Samaritan people had a “false” form of worship in two ways: 1) they worshiped in ignorance (selective knowledge); and they worshiped in ritual (focusing on the location, or an object, rather than on the Person.) In what ways might we also practice false worship today?

#11 – The “heart” of worship is God Himself – based on revelation (spirit) and reality (truth). What are some practical steps we can take to strengthen our ability to worship in spirit and in truth?

Bonus Question:

Do you know of other times in the Old Testament when a significant conversation occurred between a man and a woman at a well?

Hint: Look up these verses – Genesis 24, I Samuel 9:11, and I Kings 17:10.

Take time to share your prayer requests and pray for each other as a group.

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