



Week 2: July 19-25

10min Welcome / Introduce Guests / Share Life
Recall the Guidelines / Open in Prayer

2min **Share the Vision: A disciple of Jesus is someone who is following Jesus, being changed by Jesus, and is on mission for Jesus. Our group is a discipleship group. Our goal is to grow together as disciples of Jesus.**

5min **Hook Question:** When have you surprised yourself by doing something you didn't think you could do?

2min **Ask someone from your team to read or tell the following background for the story:**

Jesus was a brown-skinned Jewish man. This part of His human identity carried with it several expectations concerning His culture and social norms. One of the most significant expectations of Jesus's day is that Jews had no dealings with Samaritans.

Who were the Samaritans? Jews liked to call them "dogs" or "half-breeds." Yikes. To understand who the Samaritans are we must understand a little bit of Jewish history. The Jews are Israeli nationals. Originally, all of Israel was one nation. King Saul, King David, and King Solomon were the first three kings of the nation of Israel. After King Solomon's rule, the nation of Israel was divided into two parts – the northern kingdom and the southern kingdom. The northern kingdom was known as Israel and the southern kingdom was known as Judah. The descendants of David ruled as kings in Judah in the capital of Jerusalem. The northern kingdom was ruled by only wicked kings. Their capital was the city of Samaria.

In 722 B.C., Samaria was overthrown by the Assyrians. The tribes of Israel who were part of the northern kingdom of Israel were dispersed. Some were allowed to stay in Samaria, but other people from other nations were brought in to co-inhabit the city. As a result, Israelites intermarried with other people groups. Because of this, the original nationalities of these people were lost over time. Eventually, a new nationality emerged – the Samaritans. Samaritans were not really Jews, but they shared some of the same history and customs as the Jews. Samaritans thought they were the true people of God. This thinking made the Jews disgusted – and angry. They hated the half-breed Samaritans with a passion. In fact, most Jews would intentionally take longer routes when traveling in Israel to avoid Samaritans.

Jesus was a Jewish man. In today's story, He encounters a Samaritan woman. Men and women didn't interact in public – let alone Jewish men and Samaritan women! How would Jesus treat this woman He encountered? How did Jesus become an unlikely hero to this woman? In return, how did this woman become an unlikely hero to her Samaritan village? This is where our story begins...

Tell the story from John 4:1-43: Remember to change up the storyteller often.

12min **Rebuild the story:** Group members retell the story based on what they remember.

Read the story from John 4:1-43: Ask the group to read these verses.

Discussion Questions: learn to talk about God's Word with others...

Head
Questions:
Quicker
tempo.

- What stands out to you about this story? Why?
- What does this story teach us about people?
- What does this story teach us about God?

Heart & Hand
Questions:
Slow down &
wait!

- What is God showing you right now? How do you need to respond?
- Who could retell the story for us? **CHALLENGE:** Tell the story to someone this week!

Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in prayer.



Week 2: Small Group Leader Checkup

In case you missed it last week, please complete this small group leader checkup and review your answers with your coach! Place an “X” above the answer that best describes your group...

When someone misses, they are contacted by one or more group members who check on them and let them know they are missed:

Rarely (0) Sometimes (1) Mostly (2) Always (4)

How often does your group have a new visitor join the meeting?

Yearly, or less (0) Every 6 Months (1) Quarterly (2) Monthly, or more (4)

When a new visitor joins your group, how likely are they to stay connected?

Hardly Ever (0) 1 out of 5 (1) 1 out of 3 (2) Very likely (4)

How often do you meet with one or more members from your group outside your weekly meeting?

Rarely (0) Once every couple months (1) Monthly (2) Almost every week (4)

When someone in your group is going through a difficult situation, how often does the group rally together to serve (provide meal, visit in hospital, help with need, etc.)?

Rarely (0) Sometimes (1) Frequently (2) Always (4)

How often does your group get together for fun and invite others to connect?

Yearly, or less (0) Every 6 Months (1) Quarterly (2) Every 4-8 weeks (4)

How often does your group share communion (The Lord's Supper) together?

Yearly, or less (0) Every 6 Months (1) Quarterly (2) Every 4-8 weeks (4)

How often does your group share a meal together?

Yearly, or less (0) Every 6 Months (1) Quarterly (2) Every 4-8 weeks (4)

How often does your group review the guidelines at your meeting?

Quarterly, or less (0) Monthly (1) Bi-weekly (2) Rarely miss (4)

How often does your group mix up the storyteller?

Quarterly, or less (0) Monthly (1) Bi-weekly (2) Nearly every week (4)

Do you have an apprentice who is helping you lead with the intention of branching?

No (0) I did, but I'm looking for a new one (2) Yes (4)

How often do you communicate with your coach?

Quarterly, or less (0) Monthly (1) Bi-weekly (2) Nearly every week (4)

Does your group have a group chat where members can easily share updates with the entire group?

No (0) Yes (4)

How often do group members share updates with you and other members during the week?

Quarterly, or less (0) Monthly (1) Bi-weekly (2) Nearly every week (4)

How often do you cast the vision for your group to make disciples personally and to work towards growing and branching the group together?

Quarterly, or less (0) Monthly (1) Bi-weekly (2) Nearly every week (4)

Have you ever completed the 12-weeks in the Real-Life Discipleship Training Manual?

No (0) Yes (4)

Have you ever taken someone through the Real-Life Discipleship Training Manual?

No (0) Yes (4)

When someone from your group misses on Sunday morning, how often do you personally contact them to let them know they were missed?

Quarterly, or less (0) Monthly (1) Bi-weekly (2) Nearly every week (4)

CALCULATE YOUR SCORE: (there are 18 total questions)

Number of questions answered "0": _____ x 0 = 0

Number of questions answered "1": _____ x 1 = _____

Number of questions answered "2": _____ x 2 = _____

Number of questions answered "3": _____ x 3 = _____

Number of questions answered "4": _____ x 4 = _____

TOTAL SCORE: _____

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SCORE: (based on score totals)

- **56-72 means...** your group is on track! Just go back and see where you can continue to make adjustments to strengthen your leadership and group culture.
- **40-55 means...** you've made good progress, but there are some immediate adjustments to make. Make a list of areas to work on and review them with your coach.
- **39 or less means...** it is time to revisit your training and make important adjustments that will help you create a disciple-making culture for your group. Contact your coach and schedule a time to review your checkup and talk strategy.