

Life Group Leader Notes

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A Good Man, A Bad Woman, and Jesus

John 3: 1-22

John 4: 6-29, 40-42

Nicodemus and The Samaritan Woman

Differences

Nicodemus was:

- A man.
- A Jew.
- A Pharisee.
- Morally upright.
- Religious.
- He tithed, fasted, and prayed.
- Well-mannered and courteous.
- From an elite group.
- Came to Jesus by night.

The Samaritan Woman was:

- A woman.
- Knew nothing about religion.
- From a lower class and despised the Jews.
- Uneducated.
- Led an immoral life (had 5 husbands and was living with a man that she was not married to).
- Met Jesus during the day.

Discussion: How do you relate to Nicodemus? To the Samaritan woman?

Similarities

Both were:

- Lost.
- Empty.
- Unsatisfied.
- Searching.
- Stood on level ground in God's sight.
- Were created for His glory (Isaiah 43: 7).
- Loved by Jesus equally.
- Met with Jesus.
- Had the same opportunity to experience forgiveness.

Discussion: What does it mean that we are created for His glory? How do we bring Him glory?

When we experience forgiveness and repent, we are reconciled to God. We then have a relationship with the living God. We were enemies of God but by the cross of Jesus, we are now His friends. All the old has passed away, we are made new in Christ. We aren't just "patched up", we are new creatures in Christ. Now we can bring glory to God, before we could not.

He gives us abundant life and eternal life starting now.

He came to seek and save the lost.

The Samaritan woman got saved. She ran and told many about what Jesus had done and many came to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

Discussion: Both Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman were drawn to Jesus. What drew you to Jesus?

Discussion: The Samaritan woman told everyone what Jesus had done for her and many were saved. How would you explain to a nonbeliever what Jesus has done for you?