



DATE(S)

June 11-12, 2022

SERIES AND LESSON TITLE

All In – Week 2

TAKE-HOME POINT (THP)

**Jesus's message is for anyone
and everyone!**

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

John 4:7-26, 41-42

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Give any Campus-Specific Announcements

OPENING GAME / GROUP TIME

LARGE-GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Name That Chicken Sandwich

We all know Chick-Fil-A has the best chicken sandwich, right? Or DO they?! In this game, each individual/team must decide (based on the picture) what fast food restaurant made that chicken sandwich. It's not multiple-choice either – it's all-or-nothing! Have fun and don't get too hungry!

OPENING SMALL GROUP

QUESTIONS

ACTIVITIES

Take attendance and make sure to welcome anyone who is a first-time guest!

What was the highlight of your week?

What is your favorite summer activity?

When you're finished (and there's time), pray for our time of worship/singing.

STUFF TO ASK TO UNIQUELY CONNECT THE LESSON TO KIDS' LIVES

STUFF TO DO SO THINGS AREN'T BORING



LARGE-GROUP SCRIPT

THE MESSAGE

"All In" – Week 2 (Samaritan Woman)

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We're going to look at another story from the New Testament today as a part of our "All In" series. Just a reminder...the New Testament is the second half of the Bible and contains stories and history from the time Jesus was born through the end of the first century. The story we're going to look at today is about Jesus meeting a woman who other people would have said he shouldn't have been hanging out with. You might say she was considered an outcast.

Have you known someone who was considered "different" or was an "outcast"? Someone who is different and just doesn't quite fit in. Have you ever felt like an outcast? Have you ever thought, "I just don't fit in"? I've felt a little bit like that before.

(Teacher's Note: Share a story where you felt like an outcast or a situation where you felt ostracized, left out, or didn't fit in.)

One of the best qualities about Jesus is that he spent time with all kinds of people. You see, we label people all the time. We label them based on their looks, the clothes they wear, how much money they have, what school they go to, what kind of house they live in...all kinds of things. Jesus didn't care about labels; he just cared about people no matter who they were.

In John 4, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman while he was going through the city of Samaria. She was getting water from a well in the middle of the day. This was not normal because most people came to get water when it wasn't so hot. She was coming to get water in the middle of the day so she wouldn't be around anyone else. You see...she didn't have the best reputation with people. Jesus was tired from his journey, so he decided to sit down by the well. Check out what happens next in John 4:7-15:

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"When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

Let's quickly summarize this: Jesus is a middle Eastern Jew from Nazareth, and this woman is a Samaritan. You might be thinking, "What's the big deal about that?" Well, Jews and Samaritans did NOT hang out together. You see, for over 800 years, Jews and Samaritans had conflicted with one another. In fact, you could say there was a great deal of racism during this time period between Jews and Samaritans.

Jesus doesn't just interact with certain races of people. He spent time with ALL people and cared about their hearts. He tells her that the water he offers makes people never get thirsty. Just by reading it, I don't think the water he is talking about is referring to the same type of water she is getting from the well or that you and I drink. Let's read on...verses 16-18: *"He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."*

Did you see that? The woman only tells him part of the truth, but not the whole truth. I'm sure none of you have EVER done that before! You might tell your parents how you did on your science test, but you just conveniently leave out what you got on your math test. It's understandable – we might feel guilty or ashamed of what we've done and maybe this woman felt the same way. However, Jesus doesn't get mad at her or judge her. Check out what happens next in verses 19-26:

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"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."
"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

Jesus tells her it doesn't matter where you worship; it's WHO you worship. This woman has heard about the Messiah, but she doesn't know that the Messiah Himself is standing right in front of her and talking to her! We find out later that she tells other people in that town she has seen the Messiah. Jesus spends two whole days there and shares the Gospel message with them. Check out what happens in verses 41-42: *"And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."*

As we wrap up this message, you may be wondering why we haven't done our **THP (Take Home Point)** yet and that's on purpose. I wanted to save it for the end.

Jesus' message is for anyone and everyone!

We live in a world today where people are not treated well. We are unkind to one another. We judge others. Jesus helped change this woman's life, and as a result, the lives of others in the same town. Just think if he wouldn't have stopped to talk to her...just because she was a "Samaritan." Can I ask you a question: who are the "Samaritans" in your life? Who is someone you need to share your faith with? I hope this story has challenged you to share the message of Jesus with ALL people. In God's eyes, we are all valuable and Jesus wants a relationship with each of us.

Let's help share Jesus' message by the way we live, the way we treat people, and the words we say to others. Let's be truthful and love people...even those who are different than us. If Jesus wanted to have a relationship with you and me, don't you think he wants one with everyone? Let's remember that today as we go to our group discussions. A Christian who is ALL IN recognizes that Jesus's message is for everyone! Let's pray!



CLOSING GROUP TIME

CLOSING SMALL GROUP

QUESTIONS

***Leader's Note: Make sure to have some Bibles for the students to use.

What was the THP (Take Home Point) today and why was that important during the message?

Does anyone remember why it was significant that Jesus talked and had a conversation with the Samaritan woman?

Have you ever felt "left out" before or didn't fit in? When did you feel that way and what happened?

When was the last time you saw someone ELSE who was left out or didn't fit in? What do you normally do in those situations?

How will the THP help you to live differently this week? Be specific.

How can this group pray for you this week?

ACTIVITIES

After your group is finished with your discussion, close in prayer together!



PREP NEEDS

SMALL-GROUP SUPPLIES

Some Bibles for students to share during group discussion
Pen/paper for SOAP study (optional)

LARGE-GROUP SUPPLIES

Stupid Video of the Week
Message script
Message slides

AUDIO/VISUAL NEEDS

Pro Presenter or Playlister

