

HOPE & HEALING (LARGE GROUP)

Lesson 2: U don't know me!

Objective: Jesus comes lose to heal your pain and change your life



FOCUS SCRIPTURE: John 4:1-42

TIME: 45-50 Minutes

TOOLS: A projector so the group can follow slides.

If you can find an audio version with the woman's and Jesus' voice, play it and have everyone follow along on the screen. It is a long passage and the audio will help everyone stay focused.

GAME/ACTIVITY: Who Am I?

Tape a well known person's name to someone's back without them knowing who it is. That person asks other people (1) one question to try to figure out who they are. The other person can only answer (1) one question with only Yes or No. If the person says who they think they are, the same person can reply Yes or No to that also, but that's all. First 5 or 10 people to guess who they are wins a prize.

<https://www.playmeo.com/celebrity-heads-names-list/>

LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION:

Speaker: There are some things in our lives that we really don't like and wish they would change. Some of these things we did to ourselves and some this crazy world or people did to us. Some of the things we try to deal with, and some other people gave us advice on what to do. Sometimes it works and other times it doesn't, we don't feel any better. When you hurt yourself physically, you can feel or see it heal over time, but some hurts that we have suffered, we are still waiting for them to heal or honestly just go away so we don't have to deal with them anymore. Sometimes people label us because of things we have done or been through. Hurtful things that we are ashamed of and try to avoid. Today we want to look at a story in the Bible that may give us some answers to help us think of a better way to turn the hurt into healing, not only for us but many others. This is a little long so let's focus for a few and watch how this unfolds.

SLIDE: John 4:1-42 (The woman at the Well)

HIGHLIGHT THE ISSUES INVOLVED:

*Racism-Jews and Samaritans-How Jews traveled around Samaria and called them dogs or half breeds
(Prejudice)

*A Jewish man talking to a woman-

(Disrespect of women)

*Being an outcast-she was by herself and in the middle of the day. Traditionally women came together in the morning to talk and share the time.-

(Bullying & Abuse)

*The woman being married several times and living with a man now

(Sleeping around to find love) Use the slang word of the day if you feel comfortable

Question=How many of us have experienced any of these things and still have some hurt/pain from it?

HIGHLIGHT THE BIBLICAL TRUTH AND CONNECTING DETAILS:

(Personalize this story to your city/neighborhood)

V4-Jesus has positioned Himself to find you

V13-Jesus offers us eternal life and the things we need NOW to live this life.

V25-26-When we make the decision to accept the Gospel, Jesus will reveal Himself

V28-30-When you trust and accept Jesus for who He truly is, He will give you the power and courage to face your hurts and tell everyone about Him. She didn't run to church, she ran by to her neighborhood and used her testimony **(HEALING)**

V39-From an outcast to a leader, From wounded woman to a warrior for Christ!

YOUR TESTIMONY OF WHAT JESUS IS DOING IN YOUR LIFE IS POWERFUL

V40-42-She went from a tramp to a champ! Not only her life but many lives were changed when she encountered and accepted Jesus for who He truly is!

CLOSING:

Healing comes from experiencing and accepting Jesus Christ for who He truly is.

If the speaker plans or feels the Holy Spirit working after the lesson, ask the teens to close their eyes, bow their heads, and pray a prayer of salvation.



IF planned, give your leaders direction before the event on prayer and recording salvation.

Sample prayer: Lord Jesus, I am a sinner. I need You. I want You to be my Lord and Savior. I accept Your death on the cross as the payment for my sins, and give my life into Your care. Please forgive my sins and thank You for giving me a new life. Please help me grow in my understanding of Your love and power so that my life will bring glory and honor to You. Amen

