



Jesus Loves the Outcast

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John 4:1-26

Main Point

Jesus meets people where they are, offering grace, truth, and living water. His love reaches those others avoid.

Part 1: Master Teacher (10 Minutes)

Introduction

What kinds of barriers keep people separated today, and why does crossing those barriers feel uncomfortable?

The Samaritan woman was rejected by society, yet Jesus pursued her. This encounter shows the depth of God's love for the outcast.

Biblical Teaching

1. Jesus Breaks Barriers (v. 1-9)
 - Cultural and social barriers divided them.
 - Jesus crossed every barrier.
 - Christ's love reaches the overlooked.
2. Jesus Offers Living Water (v. 10-15)
 - Living water satisfies spiritual thirst.
 - Jesus alone gives eternal life.
 - The woman desires what He offers.
3. Jesus Speaks Truth and Grace (v. 16-26)
 - Jesus reveals her deepest wounds.
 - He does not shame her.
 - He reveals Himself as the Messiah.

Takeaway

- Jesus meets people at their point of need and offers grace that changes everything.

Part 2: Group Discussion (25 minutes)

Facilitator Guidance

- Keep the focus on compassion for the outcast and the power of grace.

Discussion Questions

1. Breaking Barriers with Love

- What barriers keep you from loving people unlike you?
- How does Jesus challenge those barriers?
- Who is someone you can reach out to this week?

2. Living Water for a Thirsty World

- What does spiritual thirst look like today?
- How has Jesus satisfied your spiritual thirst?
- How can you offer living water to others this week?

3. Grace and Truth Together

- How do you balance grace and truth in relationships?
- What helps you speak truth with compassion?
- Where do you need Jesus' grace right now?

4. Seeing the Outcast as Jesus Does

- Who in your life feels isolated or overlooked?
- What step can you take to show them love?
- How can you reflect Christ's heart more clearly?

Next Steps & Call to Action (5 minutes)

Facilitator Closing Thought:

Jesus seeks those the world forgets. When we follow Him, we bring grace to the people who need it most.

Action Step:

Reach out to someone this week who may feel alone or overlooked.

Prayer Focus:

- Pray for compassion for the outcast.
- Pray for courage to break barriers.
- Pray for living water to flow through your life.