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Order of Worship 20 March 2022 The Third Sunday in Lent

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

We Listen to the Scriptures

Prayer Sermon Series: Were You There? Week 3 - "Samaria"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Doxology
Blessing and Sending







Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



- 1. How do you tend to approach hard things? Why?
- 2. Why do you think Jesus went against social norms to communicate with the woman at the well?
- 3. Describe a time you stepped into an uncomfortable place and did something difficult. Looking back, are you glad you did? How did you see God at work?
- 4. Jesus seems to imply that all people are spiritually thirsty. What has been your experience?
- 5. Why does Jesus choose Samaria as the place he clarifies his identity? In what ways does venturing into "Samaria" bring clarity about ourselves and who Jesus really is?
- 6. What "hard thing" might God be calling you to do?



If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call 717-774-6444 to set up an appointment.

Were You There? Week 3 - "Samaria" Pastor Kris Beckert

What uncomfortable place are you avoiding?

Jesus' next Journey:

John 4:1-3 Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John—² although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. ³ So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

- Three possible routes:
 - 1. Along coast
 - 2. Along Jordan valley
 - 3. Through _____
- The least-taken route was:

The Story behind Samaria:

- 8 centuries before Christ, land conquered by
- Other conquered people were relocated to land
- Those people intermarried with remaining Jews
- Built their own _____ on Mount Gerazim
- Called am ha-aretz by Jews--

Samaria is where Jesus:

1. Shows the hard thing may be _____

John 4:4 Now he had to go through Samaria. "had to" (dei in Greek)--

2. Reveals _____

John 4:7-15 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 9 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.) 10 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? 12 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?" 13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 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." 15 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."

3. Brings

John 4:21-26 "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ 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. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." ²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." ²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

4. Gives a new _____

John 4:28-30 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

Big Idea:			