

House Group Questions - John 4:1-30

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FALLING IN LOVE WITH THE BOUNDARY BREAKING JESUS: WOMAN AT THE WELL.

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1. I began with the historical reasons why Jews and Samaritans hated one another. What unknown prejudices lie within us that might make us hold back? Do we have prejudices about race, gender, age, class, religion, intelligence, poverty, wealth? Who are we afraid to talk to? Who do we avoid? How do we interact with Christians in different denominations?
2. The freedom to use this amazing gift of communication (prayer) with God through your own unique voice, personality and faith, expressing love, worship and prayer to Him is vital to the life of the church and each believer. Your prayers spoken freely have the power to inspire, encourage, bless, challenge, comfort, heal, set free and change the lives of those who join with you in prayer who hear them.' DISCUSS!
3. Who finds praying aloud, sharing their faith difficult? Can you share the reasons why this might be? How about praying for one another for the freedom to truly choose.
4. 'Your voice is unique and known to God. Whether you stumble over words or are eloquent, struggle to find the right words or are straight from the heart, pray in ordinary everyday language or flowery prose, forget people's names (me!) or feel you have nothing important to say. God wants to hear your voice, your way of praying, because its you, who He loves. Personally, at ABC, I long to hear more men freed in their praying.' DISCUSS!
5. Jesus talked to the woman about her life, without accusation or condemnation, just the facts. What was it about that knowledge that made her use it to bring her community to Jesus? Has anyone ever had another Christian reveal something to them about their life that could not have possibly known? (or have you revealed something to someone?) What impact did that have?