

Getting past “our past” to Encounter Jesus

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John 4:17 - 26

SUMMARY:

Jesus encounters the woman at the well and lets her know that He knows everything about her. There is nothing hidden from Him. Jesus explains to her that she must worship in truth and in spirit. He then tells her that He is “the Christ”. “I that speak unto thee am He.” (John 4:26)

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question: Do you really believe that Jesus knows everything about us? Why? Explain.

Discussion:

- If Jesus knows everything does this make a difference in how you approach life and your relationship with Christ? Are you thankful for forgiveness, or just take it for granted?
- When you sin, is the first thing you think of Jesus? And, what is your response at that point to restoring your relationship with Him?
- What has been the greatest obstacle in “your past” (or perhaps present) to encountering Jesus?

APPLICATION:

At times our past will haunt us. When Jesus saves us, He forgives us of our past and assures us that there is no condemnation because we are in Christ. He does not erase our memory; consequently we may revisit our past and allow it to bog us down.

Jesus wants us to pick up our cross and follow Him; forgetting those things in the past and looking to the future in Him.

ON YOUR OWN...

“Getting past your past”

Faith comes by hearing God’s Word – Romans 10:17

Study God’s Word – 2 Timothy 2:15

Pray – Hebrews 4:16 Philippians 4:6-7

Gather together – Hebrews 10:25

Witness for the Lord – 1 Peter 3:7

Think on good things – Philippians 4:8 and 2:5

Forget the past – Philippians 3:13

Seek forgiveness regularly – 1 John 1:9