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Sent: A Study of John

John 4:1-42

## Reminders

- **Overflow**  
10/15 - South Gastonia (Hoersch), Steele Creek (Jackson), South Gastonia/Cramerton (McNamara), South Belmont (Denton)  
  
10/22 - Gardner Park (S. Mitchell), Lowell (Chapman), Eagle Park (Weeks)

- **Praying for Exodus**

As a redeemed people, we are called to pray. As those who worship and serve Him in the world, we must pray. Praying for Exodus will help us pray through 10 important areas for Exodus Church. Each month, we will post the guiding prayer, prayer requests and resources to encourage our prayer. Please join us in praying to a God who hears our growing and remembers his covenant (Exodus 2). We are trusting Him to do great things.

### October: Exodus 3-4

#### Hope in God's Power- 4 things to pray for this month

- That we would walk in humble dependence on God.
- That we would see God display his power and might.
- That we would be a hopeful people.
- That we would be fearless on God's mission where we live work and play.

If you would like to learn more about the Praying for Exodus initiative and how to better understand why we do this, we encourage you to check out the blog for past resources.

- **Text-Giving-** We are excited to announce that we now offer text-giving. Super simple. Just text 704-810-1101 and the amount in which you'd like, and that's it. More information on text giving can be found on our website.
- **Exodus Kids & Families Fall Hike-** You and/or your whole family are invited to take a beautiful fall hike up Crowders Mountain for our Annual Fall Hike on **Saturday morning, October 21**. We will meet at 9:00am at Linwood Rd access of Crowders Mountain State Park. **4611 Linwood Rd, Gastonia, NC, 28052**  
We will hike the Backside Trail (.9 mile each way- including 336 stairs to the summit).  
Bring a picnic lunch and chairs/blankets for you and your family to enjoy after the hike. This will be a busy day at the mountain because of the peak of the leaves- you won't want to miss it! Make sure to RSVP on The City!

## Remember

We have seen a lot of guests at Exodus recently. Talk with your group about people they have met.

- How can we welcome people into our church? Into our lives? Into our group?
- If your group feels full, this might be a good time to address this and pray for someone to step up into leadership of more groups.
- If your group doesn't seem to think that they have met anyone new, engage that with grace. Remind the group to own the 10 feet around them every Sunday. And make a note to remind them during the week.

Read John 4 in the sections below. After reading each section, ask "What stands out to you?"

- vv 1-9
- vv 10-15
- vv 16-20
- vv 20-24
- vv 27-30, 39-42
- vv 31-38

What stood out to you from the sermon? What encouraged you? What challenged you?

## **Deepen**

In John 4, Jesus engages the cultural categories of ethnicity, religion and gender. What do we learn from him? How might we apply that in our lives today?

As Jesus engages the woman about spiritual matters, what stands out to you?

- How does he address her sin and shame?
- How does he address her questions?

Brian connected this passage to Jeremiah 2:12-13. Read and discuss.

- Why would Jeremiah call the heavens to be appalled at v. 13?
- Why are the false wells in our lives so appealing?
- What are some idols that God is calling you to repent of?

In John 4, this woman describes Jesus as one who knew everything I ever did. Why would that be good news?

## **Transform**

When the disciples return in vv. 31-38, Jesus turns the lesson from personal repentance to missional engagement. He describes the fields as white and ready for harvest. Do you view the world in this way? Why or why not?

Jesus describes different roles in the harvest. How might we live this out?

- As individuals?
- In our families?
- As a community group?

Who are some people you are investing in today as you pray for the harvest of Jesus?

**Spend some time praying for harvest in our lives.**