

## Small Group and Personal Bible Study Guide

### This Weeks Memory Verse: John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life, no one comes to the father except through me."

### This Weeks Lesson: John 3 & 4

This week we will begin the lesson on Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman. One was seeking the kingdom of God and Jesus told him about the way that was new to Him. The other was not seeking God but Jesus invited her to drink of the living water and receive life. Both came into a relationship with Jesus.

1. Looking at the two stories this week of Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman: What do they have in common? How are they different?

They both sinners and are in need of a Savior. Yet neither of them understands how to gain salvation. They both have questions for Jesus. Nicodemus is looking to the law and to traditions. The Samaritan woman thinks she is unworthy of being associated to the Israelites, let alone the God of the Israelites. Nicodemus, as a Pharisee and seen as a man of God. The woman at the well, as a Samaritan is seen as a sinner unworthy of God.

2. How do you see the Father working in Nicodemus?

A divine appointment draws him to Jesus at night. He has questions for Jesus. Even though he struggles, he asks and he listens. He believes Jesus is from God. Later in the gospel of John 7:50 and John 19:38-42 we see that Nicodemus apparently trusted Jesus, loved Jesus, and followed him.

3. How do you see the father working in the Samaritan woman?

Even though she doesn't intentionally seek after Jesus, Jesus finds her. God gave her a divine appointment at the well. It is no coincidence that she came the well when Jesus came to the well. She asks questions of Jesus and she listens to His words. She believes he is from God.

4. What is the common goal Jesus has for both of these two people?

Jesus loves them both and desires to have an eternal love relationship with them. His desire is to draw them into His love and bring them to the Father.

5. What life application can we learn from Jesus in these two examples?

We should be willing and available to be used by God. Watching out for where God is already at work and joining Him. Always responding to opportunities and answering people's questions about God and how to know Him and come to Him. Be ready to direct people to God, as the Holy Spirit works in them.

Read: Colossians 4:2-6

6. Who has God put in front of you? Take time this week to share a name of the person with your small group.

Give people in your group a chance to share names that they need to pray for. Then as a group pray for these lost but loved souls and pray through Colossians 4:2-6 that God would make a way and be at work in the lives of our church.

Pray together for God to open the door to His message of grace to be received. Pray that you would make the most of the opportunities given and share your faith with this person. That you would be filled with grace, seasoned with salt and ready to answer when the door is opened.

### This Weeks Reading Schedule:

Day 1: John 3:1-16

Day 2: John 3:22-36

Day 3: John 7:50, 19:38-42

Day 4: John 4:1-26

Day 5: John 4:27-42