

First Encounter #3

Trust

Word

Scripture Reference

John 4:1-42

Discussion Questions

1. How would you describe a person who is worthy of your trust?
2. On His way to Galilee from Judea, Jesus had to pass through Samaria where He met a woman who came to draw water from the well by which He was resting (v. 1-9). Describe the woman's reaction when Jesus requested a drink from her. From what you know of history, why do Jews look down or refuse association with Samaritans? Based on this fact, what can you say about Jesus' behavior towards the Samaritan woman?
3. Read verses 10-15. Describe the exchange between Jesus and the woman. What message do you think did Jesus want to convey to the woman? How do you think the woman understood what Jesus was telling her? Like the woman, we sometimes miss God's message of love and forget that His gift of eternal life is based on His unconditional love for us. In what way have you doubted God's love for you?
4. There is nothing you can do that will make God love you any more or any less. What's the big difference between our God and the gods of other religions? Does the object of your trust love you unconditionally?
5. What you believe about God determines how much you will trust Him. Does the object of your trust have the power to do what he says he will do? In verses 16-19 we see how Jesus demonstrates His power to the woman when He revealed specific details about her life. How big is God to you? Do you tend to find other options instead of fully trusting that God will deliver on His promises? Share with the group

about a circumstance in your life wherein God has proven to you that you can fully, truly trust Him.

6. Trusting God means worshiping Him in spirit and truth (v. 20-24). What are the most important aspects of worship? Read John 14:6 and discuss what worshiping God in spirit and truth mean.
7. Jesus' revelation in verses 21-24 and His confirmation of His identity to the Samaritan woman in verses 25-26 shows that He is the Messiah who knows the future. What struggles do you face regarding your future? Do you place your trust on someone who can only give you their best educated guess, or does your object of trust absolutely know the future?

Walk

A true encounter with Jesus Christ should elicit in us a deep trust in God for all aspects of our lives. If we can place our eternal security in God's hands, then we can be sure that we can fully trust Him with other areas of our lives. If the people around you don't see that you trust God with your finances or your "little" everyday problems, they will not see that they can trust God with their salvation. How are you demonstrating your trust in God in your daily life?

Worship & Prayer

Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony

Pray for...

- Wisdom and courage for GCCP believers to faithfully share Gospel to loved ones.
- Blessings for upcoming RELAX retreat.
- Healing and protection for Mrs. Dy & her baby (expectant mom with shingles);
- Recovery from surgery for Fred and Daryl.
- Salvation and healing from pneumonia for stroke-patient Mrs. Ang Chu Lan.
- Grace and healing for cancer patients: LG, FW (*peace of mind*), Segundo Yu, Isabel, Anabelle Uytengsu, Mrs. Dee.
- Comfort and peace for the Sitjar family.