

# Small Group Session 2 ~ Who is this Woman?

## Covering sermon of February 6

(Guest pastor February 13)

Ice breaker: Tell of a time when you wanted to hide and avoid people. What brought about your desire to hide? How did you move on?

READ John 4:1-26

1. Why was this woman hiding from people?
  - a. What do you think she was feeling as she made her way to the well in the heat of the day?
  - b. How is she perceived in her culture?
2. Suggest analogous situations in our culture today. What might make one a cultural embarrassment or make one want to go out of their way to hide from their neighbors?
3. How does Jesus overcome her embarrassment?
4. What costs might Jesus have paid for reaching out to this woman? (See also Matthew 9:9-13; Matthew 11:18-19; Luke 7:36-29)
5. READ Luke 15:1-7 & Mark 2:15-17. Who did Jesus come to save?
6. What might it cost us to be like Jesus in this way?
7. What keeps us from being people with whom “sinners” want to hang out? What can we do to be more like Jesus in this way?
8. READ John 4:28-30 & 39-42. The woman who came to the well is transformed into an Easter person. She is still the five times divorced woman living with a man not her husband, but she is now intentionally drawing attention to herself even saying, “He told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ.” What has effected this transformation in her?
9. What does her Hallelujah song sound like? How does it show up in her life? Together come up with an epilogue to her story. Imagine together where her life went from here.
10. Have each person ponder (and hopefully share) a part of their story God can use to bring people to Jesus.
11. How has God transformed an experience that made you want to hide into a cause for singing Hallelujah?