

## Radical Encounters – Vision and Conclusion

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John 4:7-29

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### **Reflection & Discussion Questions**

#### **Churches should connect to a vision that is bigger than us and what we can accomplish**

God is redeeming and reconciling all things on earth under the reign of Jesus Christ our King.

\*Why might we want to focus on a vision that is bigger than Pulpit Rock sized?

\*How can we apply a vision so large to our daily lives?

#### **The beginning of Luke guides us to the fundamental things being formed in us: Identity (Lk3), Victory (Lk4), Kingdom purpose (Lk4), Partner with each other (Lk5)**

God's vision for every human is connecting to it.

\*What do these words stir up in you?

\*How are you being formed in these areas?

\*How are you being called this year to commit to and express this vision at Pulpit Rock and in our world?

#### **Unhealed wounds make people miss out on the Kingdom of God a lot**

Jesus sees the thing that we think about constantly but never talk to anyone about.

Read and discuss John 4:7-29(NIV)

<sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." <sup>16</sup> He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." <sup>17</sup> "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." <sup>19</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup> "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." <sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he." <sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" <sup>28</sup> Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> **"Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?"**

\*What is surprising or interesting about this encounter? How do you see yourself in this woman?

\*How does our unhealed woundedness make us selfish and sinful?

\*Do you need to experience a 'well moment' like this with the Messiah?

\*Is there a wound that makes you opt out of the Kingdom vision and God's work in your life?