

Saturday, December 2, 2018 - "Impact 2018: All In - Week 2" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: John 4:1-26, 2 Kings 17 (if interested in the back story), 2 Chronicles 16:9

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- There is a connection between worship and missions
- John 4:1-26
  - Context
    - Jesus and disciples walking from Judea to Galilee (about 70 miles)
    - Had to walk through Samaria....bad blood between Jews and Samaritans (2 Kings 17)
    - Samaria had a whole new religion
- Jesus did not concern himself with social expectations
  - Going through Samaria at all
  - Talking to a woman alone (a woman who had a bad/scandalous reputation)
  - How often do we disengage with someone because they offend us or make us uncomfortable?
  - Are we willing to move towards people who are on the margins or who might be "scandalous"?
- To the woman: living water = moving/flowing water
  - She would have been excited...but skeptical
  - What are you taking about Jesus?
- When Jesus gets to a heart issue, she tries to change the subject (let's talk about church/worship)
- There is a connection between living water and worship
- v23: worship is no longer about a place
- The only way to access living water is through worship
- What is worship?
  - So much more than songs/singing (that leads us to worship)
  - **Worship = an active appropriate response to the invitations of God in your life**
  - Obedience = worship, participating in IMPACT = worship (sometimes..."Stop doing that" or "Don't go there")
- What does it mean to worship in spirit? **with all that you have. with your whole spirit and self**
- What does it mean to worship in truth?
  - Growing to know who God is (theology matters)
  - Being real/honest/transparent about who and where we are (like in the Psalms)
- When we worship living water wells up in you and flows out of you
- What does this have to do with missions?
  - everything
  - "Mission is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Mission exists because worship doesn't" - John Piper
  - We are called to make worshippers of nations...to go and tell others...as purveyors of truth

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What is your definition of worship? What does worship look like specifically in your life?
2. When was a time that worship led to living water welling up in you and flowing out of you?
3. How are you doing at worshipping God with all that you have? How is God calling you give more?
4. Share a time when a wrong view of God or yourself prevented you from responding to His invitation
5. How has your worship led to mission in your life or your community?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

**\*\*15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Genesis 41 Tues: Genesis 42 Wed: Genesis 43 Thurs: Genesis 44 Fri: Genesis 45

Songs from the weekend: [O Come All Ye Faithful (We Adore You - Paul Baloche)] - [Joy to the World - Hillsong Worship] - [Tremble - Mosaic MSC] - [What A Beautiful Name - Hillsong Worship]