



### Come and See: The Cue to Who

When Jesus' earliest followers invited people to come and see him, they weren't trying to explain something. They were inviting others to experience Someone. A living example is better than a lengthy explanation. If people don't like what they see in us, they won't come and see with us. But how do we know who, when, and why to invite, to offer an invitation?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Sunday's message stood out to you? Was there anything you disagreed with or that encouraged you?

*"An experience with Jesus changes everything."*

To begin your time of discussion, share about a restaurant or place you love that you just have to experience in order for it to make sense.

### Read: John 4:7,9,16-18, 27-29, 39, 40-41

**Context:** *Jesus was passing through an area of Israel called Samaria. In this area lived a group of people called the Samaritans. The Jewish people did not like the Samaritans because they were Jewish families who had married outside of the Jewish nation. They were people who had married someone from another culture and were looked down on by society. Sound familiar? In Jesus, there are no cultural, social or gender lines. Jesus crosses the line of social norms in order to share with them the good news of the love of God. On top of that, Jesus has one of the most profound conversations in the Bible with a woman who had been married multiple times and was a Samaritan.*

- Why is it so significant that Jesus crossed cultural, gender and social lines to talk with this woman (vs .7)? What does a modern day equivalent look like for you in your neighborhood and workplace?
- Jason said on Sunday that **when you look for a cue, you will begin to see who**. Why do you think there is a relationship between intentionally looking for cues to engage with others and how we view/see people God has placed around us?
- Jason shared 3 different cues to help know if it may be an opportunity to invite someone to church: **1. Not going well, 2. Not prepared for and 3. Not connected to church**. What do those cues look like in the lives of those around you?
- If **every Sunday is someone's first Sunday**, how does that change the way we should approach Sunday? How does that perspective help ensure a **growing** relationship with Jesus Christ?
- In verses 40-41, what was this Samaritan woman calling her friends to experience? How did what they experience change their eternity?
- Jason said that **an experience with Jesus changes everything**. How have you seen that happen in your life? Why would you want to share that experience with those around you?
- What would it look like for you to take a next step to invite people to an **experience with Jesus** this week? How can this group support you in this next step?

### MOVING FORWARD

How do you know when to invite someone to church? Follow the cues. Sometimes things aren't going well in someone's life. That's a good time for him or her to come and see Jesus. Sometimes a person isn't prepared for the season he or she is living. That's a good time to offer an invitation to come and see. But an invitation doesn't have to be about solving a problem or dealing with a difficult situation. Sometimes a person just needs to come and see Jesus. Follow the cues.

## **LIVE IT OUT**

**Memorize:** John 4:41

**Journaling:** Take some time to write about your experience in having a relationship with Jesus. Take some time to thank God for the hope you have in Jesus.

**Prayer:** Pray by name for your neighbors, co-workers, people at the gym and others you interact with during your week. Ask God to give you opportunities to invite them to church. Pray that God gives you an opportunity to share your experience with Jesus with them so that they can experience the love, grace and hope found in Jesus too.

**Accountability:** Ask a friend to help keep you accountable to take advantage of the cues that God gives you with those you know.