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I Am

“The Clarification”

John 4:1-26 (NLT)

Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. ⁷Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.” ⁸He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

²⁵The woman said, “I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” ²⁶Then Jesus told her, “I am the Messiah!”

The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?” ³⁰So the people came streaming from the village to see him.

Sermon Summary:

The "I Am" statements are a series of declarations made by Jesus in the Gospel of John which underscore His divine identity and mission. Each of these statements serves not only as a reflection of His nature but also as a way of revealing how He fulfills the spiritual needs of humanity. Jesus wasn't just exercising positive self-talk when He made these bold statements. He was letting the first-century Jews, familiar with God's definition of Himself, know that He truly was God incarnate, the Messiah they were waiting for.

It's important to consider that He knew who He was, and He wanted us to clearly know, too. He can't be minimized to merely our “ticket to heaven” but must be seen as our daily sustenance, our direction, our protector, our sacrificial Savior, our victory over death, our access to the Father and eternal life.

Ice Breaker Questions:

1. What was your favorite cartoon you watched growing up?
2. If someone made a movie about your life, would it be a drama, a comedy, a romantic-comedy, action film, a science fiction or some other genre?
3. What is one of your pet peeves?
4. What fashion trend do you wish was still acceptable?
5. Share about a life-changing conversation you had with someone.

Scripture Study Questions:

1. Why was it unusual for Jesus to be interacting with the woman at the well?
2. How does the woman respond to Jesus' request for a drink of water?
3. Describe the conversation between the woman and Jesus in verses 9-15.
4. What do you think the woman's tone was in verses 11-12 (respectful, curious, sarcastic, etc)?
5. Why do you think Jesus told the woman to "Go and get your husband," after she asked Jesus to give her the "living water" he possessed?
6. Compare/contrast the woman's response to Jesus in verses 11-12 to verses 19-20.
7. In your own words, summarize Jesus' answer to the woman's question regarding the correct place to worship God (verses 21-24)?
8. In the New Living Translation, Jesus claims, "I am the Messiah." How do other translations phrase Jesus' claim?
9. Why do you think Jesus chose that particular phrase of his claim?

Application Questions:

1. Jesus broke through several cultural barriers when he began interacting with the woman. What groups of people do you feel uncomfortable being around?
2. How can prejudice affect a person's witness?
3. What are ways people attempt to satisfy their "thirsts" in life?
4. How is gift of salvation different from what the world offers?
5. The following three clarifying statements regarding Jesus claim, "I am the Messiah," were made:
 - If God is I AM then I am not
 - I am not but I know I AM
 - I AM changes who I am

Which one did you need to hear the most currently in your life? Why?