

August 2022
Theme: When God Intervenes
“Reviled to Redeemed”

Summary: The Samaritan Woman and her encounter with Jesus at the well might have many applications in the lives of women we meet daily. The immoral sin in her life, her race, and her cultural background are still issues for women today.

Scriptures: John 4:7-42

Songs: “Hello, My Name Is” by Matthew West (YouTube); “Rescue Story” by Zach Williams (YouTube); “Fill My Cup Lord” (YouTube).

Suggestions and Helps

Promotional Helps

Resources: Poster and invitation available at www.wnac.org/treasure/programhelps.

Create invitations on cards that look like a bottle of water and give them to each woman in the church. An announcement in the church bulletin should appear a couple of Sundays before the meeting to invite the women beforehand. Posters should be made and put up ahead of the meeting.

Ice Breakers: Have letters cut out from construction paper four inches high for each lady to choose from. Also, have a bottle of cold water for each woman to take with her desired letter. As they sit down, ask them to think about why they chose that letter. Explain that the letter is not to be a positive character trait in their lives but a representation of sin that easily affects them in their daily walk with the Lord. They are not to expound about the sin that is hindering them. Explain the book *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne. Give a brief correlation between the letter “A” and the letter they picked at the beginning of the meeting.

Missions

Research to explain how many countries do not have access to clean water.

Discuss the importance of water in not only our own daily lives but the importance of clean drinking water on the mission fields. Ask Eddy and Amanda Simmons if they can do a short video on how wells were dug for the Samburu People in Kenya they minister to in Africa.

Service

Encourage women to volunteer their services at a local soup kitchen. The Women’s Ministry could also sponsor a Provision’s Closet Program for the community and those with needs within the church. Some churches focus on clothing for the spring and summer months and food for the fall and winter months. The women could make blessing bags for church members to hand out to homeless people. The blessing bags can contain individual meal sizes for the recipient:

packs of crackers, peanut butter, Vienna sausages, fruit or pudding cups, a bottle of water, disposable utensils, napkins, individual packets of hand wipes, or small containers of hand sanitizers, etc.

Attention could be given to the needs of unwed mothers, single moms or dads with children within the church, or acquaintances. Discipleship begins with a relationship and what better way to start a relationship than by helping meet a physical need? That's what Jesus did!

Study

Have copies of the Bible Study on *Reviled to Redeemed* ready to hand to each lady from the *Treasure* website (www.wnac.org/treasure). The study can be taught and discussed or given out as an assignment and do the participation ideas with the cut-out letters.

Refreshments

Since the disciples left Jesus to find *meat* for them to eat, serve sub sandwiches with chips, cookies, and a bottle of water, or other beverages such as tea, Pepsi, Coke, etc.