

**Title:** Graceful Engagement  
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**a. Engaging**

**1. John 4**

- Jesus “must needs” to go through Samaria

**2. Judea**



**3. Sea of Galilee**



#### 4. Samaria



#### 5. Map



## 6. Jesus defied

- Racism – Jews vs. Samaritans
- Sexism – Jewish men vs. women
- Intellectualism – Woman stating the obvious
- Religion – where to worship

## 7. Well



## 8. Jesus gets

### A word of knowledge

- In obedience
- progressive

The woman feels as if Jesus told her everything she ever did

### b. change our mindset

#### 1. Culture passed down

##### 1 Pet 1:18-19

<sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot;

#### 2. to those outside

- Become all things to all people to win them for Christ – 1Cor 9:19
- Not like Pharisees – Luke 18:9-14; Luke 7:37-48
- To see them – Luke 37 -48

### 3. how Jesus viewed them

- All belong to His Father [Psalm 24:1]
- Sheep without a shepherd [John 10:16]
- His Harvest that must come in [Mat 9:38]

### 4. how Jesus related to them

- **Freely associated with them**

#### **Matt 9:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> Later, Matthew invited Jesus and His disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. <sup>11</sup> But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"

- **Served them (fed, healed, taught)**

#### **Matt 14:14**

Jesus saw the huge crowd as He stepped from the boat, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick.

- **With grace**

#### **John 8:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" <sup>11</sup> "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

### 5. How we should view them

- **As our Father's property**

#### **Ps 24:1**

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to Him.

- **As Jesus' scattered sheep**

#### **John 10:16**

I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to My voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.

- **As Jesus' harvest**

#### **Matt 9:37-38**

<sup>37</sup> He said to His disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into His fields."

- **As precious**

#### **Luke 15:17**

"When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger!'"

- **Not judgmentally but with grace**

## 6. How we should relate to them

- **Love [in action]**

### **Give**

#### **John 3:16**

"For God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

### **Serve**

#### **Matt 25:35**

For I was hungry, and you fed Me. I was thirsty, and you gave Me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited Me into your home.

- **Without distinction**

#### **James 2:9**

But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law.

- **In Grace**

#### **Col 4:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone. <sup>7</sup> Tychicus will give you a full report about how I am getting along. He is a beloved brother and faithful helper who serves with me in the Lord's work.