



Dig Deeper Study Guide

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - June 19, 2011

Sermon

Lessons in the Stained
Glass:

"The Woman at the Well"

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Things I want to remember
about this sermon...

Monday 6/20/11

1 Kings 16:21-28

What do you hate? Hate is a strong word but if we are really honest with ourselves there are probably a few things we absolutely abhor and actually hate. Can you think of a place you've been that you hated? Well, Samara and the people from this city were definitely hated by the Jews living in Jesus' time. They hated them so much they were enemies! So when Jesus stopped to talk to a Samaritan woman he was offending most of the people around him. Hate can fester or we can choose to talk with and deal directly with those people we say we hate. This can make a huge difference and even provide healing in our lives.

Tuesday 6/21/11

2 Kings 17:24-28

The people living in Samaria were primarily outsiders and foreigners. They were different and they were not Jewish. Then the king of Assyria who captured this area demanded that the Jews bring a priest of their own to train and teach these people to worship the Lord. Remember, these were hated outsiders and good Jews were taught never to associate with such people. How do you deal with people who are different from you?

Wednesday 6/22/11

Romans 14:1-13

Dealing with different people is not easy. We have a habit of getting stuck in our own ways and believing that this is the only way to do it. The church can be the most vulnerable place for this to happen. Paul teaches that we are not supposed to judge each other and focus on our differences. Getting along with others, even those who are different, is the Christian thing to do. How do you deal with others who are different in their religion, politics, or philosophy? How do you treat them? Do you ignore them & wish they would go away? How does Jesus want us to treat them?



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<p>Things to do this week in response to the sermon...</p> <p><i>Ponder who I most identify with in this story...</i></p> <p><i>Pray for the outcasts in society today...</i></p>	<p>Thursday 6/23/11 1 Corinthians 1:10-17</p> <p>Why do we sometimes have quarrels in church? The Apostle Paul recognized this problem readily in the church at Corinth. He was disappointed with the members of that church and he straight-out told them about his disappointment in their behavior. Some people actually stay away from the church because they see these inner conflicts and quarrels. What can we do stay above this fray? How can we treat one another in the way Christ expects?</p>
<p><i>Share your faith story with someone else this week...</i></p>	<p>Friday 6/24/11 1 Corinthians 12:12-31</p> <p>“The church is not a building... the church is not a steeple... the church is the people.” Another way of saying this is “the church is the body of Christ. Yes, we are a body. Individually we possess different spiritual gifts and talents; we are not all alike. This is the beauty of the body of Christ--it takes all of us each doing our part to be the church collectively. I need you, and you need me. We need each other. No one person is more important than the other. How are you being the body of Christ today?</p>
	<p>Saturday 6/25/11 John 4:27-30, 39-42</p> <p>One person can definitely make a difference! The Samaritan woman went back to her town to share her experience with Jesus to her friends. One cannot have an experience like this and keep it to herself! The people, encouraged by her story, went out to seek Jesus. They followed her back to the well. Verse 39 sates, “Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony...” Do you see how one person can make such a huge difference in the lives of others? What are you doing to make a difference? Are you finding ways to share your story of faith with others? What do you believe? How has Jesus touched your life? Then be sure to share this with others!</p>