

SEEING JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING

Seeing Women the Way Jesus Did Changes Everything

Pastor Derwin L. Gray – April 2, 2017

1. Open by reading Luke 24:13-35.

- Open with this prayer: “God the Holy Spirit, would you be so kind to open our eyes to King Jesus, His gospel, and His unfolding story of grace? Teach us. In Jesus Name, Amen.”

2. Pastor Derwin taught that, “women have an important role in Jesus’ Kingdom.”

- What did you think about this statement?
- How did this sermon encourage and challenge you?

3. Women have an important role in God’s kingdom because:

- Women were the first to testify to Jesus’ resurrection.
 - Read Luke 24:22-25 and John 20:11-18. Discuss these scriptures and how women were the first to testify.
- Mary thought Jesus was the gardener. This is an illusion that Adam, the first gardener, brought death and Jesus, the last Adam and the true Gardener, brought life.
 - Read Romans 5:12-21. God is always inviting us into His story; discuss how this statement applies to our lives today as we enter His story (grace).

4. Jesus first revealed that He was the Messiah to a Samaritan woman, who became a missionary, and then the prototype for the Church.

- Read John 4:4-10 (Samaritan Woman is the first person that Jesus told He was the Messiah). Discuss.
- The Samaritan woman became a missionary (Read John 4:28; 39-42). She did what the Jewish Apostles didn’t. Discuss.
 - Easter is a great time to invite unchurched family, friends to church. As you live on mission and live an inviting life – just like the Samaritan woman – who can you invite to our Easter services at TC?
- The Samaritan woman is a prototype of what Jesus wants for His Church—she’s a Jew and Gentile in one body and the Church is to be multiethnic, Jews and Gentile in one body.
 - Read Ephesians 2:14-16 and discuss the statement above.

5. Pastor Derwin said, “Mary is a great example of courage, leadership, worship, and faith.”

- Read Luke 1:46-55 and discuss.

6. Finally, Pastor Derwin taught that, “We, the Church, are described as the Bride of Christ.”

- Read Revelation 19:7-8 and discuss what it means for the Church to be the Bride of Christ.
- Women have an important role in God’s Kingdom! Take a few minutes to pray for the women in the group that they would continue to live Upward, Inward, Outward lives. Then, pray for the men in the group to honor, respect, and treasure women.

Soul-tattoo: 1. Men, honor, respect, and treasure women. 2. Go see the movie Hidden Figures.