GOD REVEALED



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

MAY 1, 2022



At RCC, the Bible tells us that God wants us to find our greatest joy in Him and that He desires for us to share this experience with others. That's why our mission is -

To encourage people to **Enjoy God Together.** 

To get there, we have a few things that matter to us:

- **WHAT WE THINK ABOUT GOD MATTERS**
- **WE FIND OUR GREATEST JOY IN JESUS**
- WE HELP PEOPLE HELP PEOPLE
- WE CELEBRATE QUESTIONS
- **S** WE EMBRACE INEVITABLE TENSIONS



To find out more about what matters to us, check out: https://www.richfieldcommunitychurch.com/vision

# Save the Date!



## Junior High Summer Camp

CAMPJune 27th - July 1st



## High School Summer Camp

July 3rd- July 8th





**JULY** 

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## Kids Connect Summer Adventure

July 11th- July 15th



JULY

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Route 56 Summer Camp

July 31st- August 3rd

### **SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK:**

#### John 4:1-45

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John <sup>2</sup> (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), <sup>3</sup> he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. <sup>4</sup> And he had to pass through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You

worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." <sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" <sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him. <sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." 32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." <sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world." <sup>43</sup> After the two days he departed for Galilee. 44 (For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.) 45 So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast.

#### Todd Chapman - May 1, 2022

#### A Woman Sleeping Around Gets Living Water John 4:1-26

We are all thirsty
• We too often look in the wrong places to satisfy our thirst
• We can have our thirst truly quenched by Jesus
• We become true worshipers when our thirst is quenched by Jesus
A Woman Sleeping Around Shares Living Water John 4:27-45
We are channels of living water to others
<ul> <li>We experience boundless happiness in being a channel of living water</li> </ul>

• We have the privilege of helping others enjoy living water

#### **Life Group Discussion Questions**

Based on John 4:1-45 For the week of May 1, 2022

#### Reading the Text:

- 1. As you read the conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman (vv. 7-26), what stands out to you about their interaction? What is the 'Living Water' that Jesus gives?
- 2. When the disciples return, what is their response to Jesus' conversation? What was the Samaritan woman's response (vv. 28-30)? What was the response of the community (vv. 39-42)?
- 3. In vv. 35-38, what is Jesus sharing about the relationship between spiritual "sowers" and "reapers"? How do they work separately? How do they work together? How should they see each other's efforts?

#### **Knowing the Full Picture:**

4. Read 2 Kings 17:6-7, 24, 29-33. How does this historical background help us understand the animosity between Jews and Samaritans?

#### Living It Out:

- 5. What does Jesus' gift of living water, and the promise of never thirsting again, mean to you?
- 6. If you have had the opportunity to share your own experience with Jesus with a friend, a neighbor, or a co-worker, how has that been received?
- 7. How can we encourage one another towards Jesus' example of meeting people (especially those who are "different" than us), engaging people, and sharing the availability of 'living water'?

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