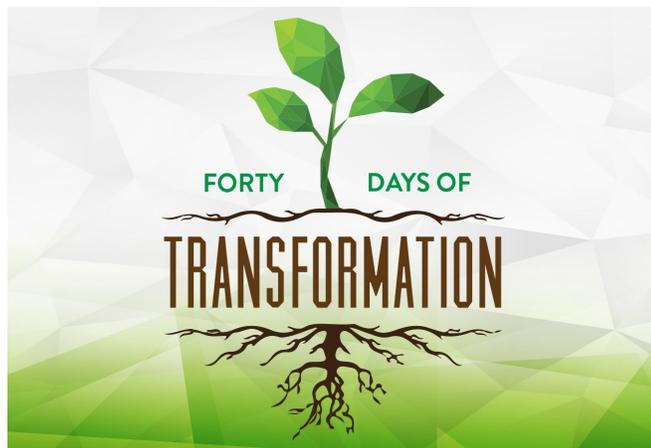


SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



**PRINCE
OF PEACE**
Called to Connect



From Empty to Fulfilled

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When we find ourselves at a place of emptiness it can lead us to growth or despair. Oftentimes people seek to experience fulfillment in a variety of ways apart from scriptural teaching. As long as we believe fulfillment comes from acquiring possessions, positions, relationships, or checking things off a list of what we believe we 'should' do in life, we will struggle with emptiness. Jesus calls us to a higher purpose and fullness of life.

SCRIPTURE TEXT : JOHN 4:1-34

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

Jesus left Judea to go back to Galilee where he had spent most of his life prior to ministry. Samaria was between these two places and although most Jews went out of their way to avoid Samaria, Jesus and his disciples went through this town. Jesus was tired from the day and a half walk and sat down on the well. A woman from Samaria came to the well during this time which was around noon. This woman was alone because of her bad reputation or because she knew she would be able to come in contact with travelers there at noon. Jesus affirmed the woman's dignity and elevated her self-worth by asking out of his need from her available resources. Jesus' self-emptying allowed another to experience purpose and fulfillment.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Where do you see yourself in this text?
- What does emptiness feel like and how have you tended to the emptiness within you?
- What are times of fulfillment and the source, or reason, for feeling fulfilled?
- Was there a time you experienced God's unconditional love when you weren't looking, and what happened?

APPLICATION: This week, notice the sources you turn to in order to feel fulfilled. Try leaning into the scriptures and feel the goodness of Jesus' fulfillment.