

Give Him A Second Day

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John 4:39-42

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

The Samaritans believed because of one woman's testimony. Then they did something more: they urged Jesus to stay, and he stayed two days. Pastor Matt called that second day the difference between a feeling and a faithfulness. One encounter can move you. Time with Jesus changes you. The second day is what moves a person from the crowd, the spectators, into the crew, the people who actually know him. It does not answer every question. But it turns a faith that depends on good feelings into one that holds when the feelings go.

To get started

- What is something in your life that only got real after you gave it more time than you wanted to?

Looking back at the message

The crowd and crew language is used often at Orbit. Define it for anyone new.

- 1 Pastor Matt said the second day is what moves you from the crowd into the crew. Which one are you in right now, honestly?
- 2 Pastor Matt pointed out that the most successful people, executives and athletes, voluntarily put themselves under coaches. Why do we resist that kind of accountability in our faith?
- 3 Pastor Matt admitted he knows exactly how to work out and eat right, and still does not do it without help. Where do you know exactly what to do and still not do it? OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read John 4:39-42. The change between verse 39 and verse 42 is the whole message.

- 4 Read John 4:39-42. Why did the Samaritans believe at first, and what has changed by verse 42?
- 5 Notice that the second day happened because the Samaritans asked Jesus to stay. What does it mean that the invitation came from them?
- 6 Read Galatians 5:13. Paul says we were called to freedom, then immediately adds a limit. What is the limit for?
- 7 Read Acts 2:14-21. Peter preaches boldly here, after years with Jesus and after denying him three times. What does Peter's story tell you about what time with Jesus produces?

OPTIONAL

Bringing it home

This message ended with an invitation into small groups. That is the practical application here.

- 8 Is your faith right now built on what someone told you, or on what you have heard for yourself?
- 9 Giving God a second day sounds nice until you open your calendar. What would it actually look like in your week?
- 10 Where in your life do you have complete autonomy and zero accountability?
- 11 Who could you ask to hold you accountable to one specific thing this month? OPTIONAL

The group together

This group is the second day for most people in it. Name that.

- 12 What has changed in your faith since you joined a group like this?
- 13 Pastor Matt said you will meet people here you will look back on in two years and be grateful for. Who has already been that person for you?
- 14 Who do you know who is still in the crowd and could be invited into the crew?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

What is the second day you will give God this week, and when exactly will it be?

You might pray about

- For a faith that holds when the feelings are gone
- For the courage to invite accountability
- For people in the group who are still on borrowed belief