

Approach God on His terms, acknowledging both His nature and the validity of His words

1. Jesus crossed cultural and religious _____ in order to invite people to “come close”

John 4:1-10



Who is on the “wrong side of the tracks” in your world?

“John may intend a contrast between the woman of this narrative and Nicodemus of ch. 3. He was learned, powerful, respected, orthodox, theologically trained; she was unschooled, without influence, despised, capable only of folk religion. He was a man, a Jew, a ruler; she was a woman, a Samaritan, a moral outcast. And both needed Jesus.”

D.A. Carson, *The Pillar New Testament Commentary – The Gospel According to John*

2. Jesus interacted with people full of both _____ and _____

John 4:11-18

You too were unresponsive to spiritual things altogether; it wasn't because you couldn't understand the language, but because you were _____.

Ephesians 2:1-2a

Jeremiah 2:13

John 7:37-39

John 3:19-21

3. Jesus clearly communicated that the essence of _____ is according to the Spirit and grounded in the truth

John 4:19-26

Deuteronomy 12:5

"'God is spirit . . .' carries one of four descriptions of God found in the New Testament. The other three are 'God is light' (John 1:5), 'God is love' (1 John 4:8, 16) and 'God is a consuming fire' (Hebrews 12:29)."
Merrill C. Tenney, *Expositors Bible Commentary – John*

Mega Themes from John 1 – Truth

John 1:14, 17

Now What? Approach God on His terms, acknowledging both His nature and the validity of His words