**4/19/23 We Are Not Called to Follow the Ways of the World!**

**John 4:1-30**

* Jesus tells us, “For many are called, but few *are* chosen.”
* We must always remember (WWJD). What would Jesus do?
* The religious leaders were caught up in the pleasures and power afforded them because of their position.

**Matthew 22:14; John 8:10-11**

**1. Being popular often times draws extra attention.**

* Now that Jesus was making more disciples than John, the Jewish leaders focused their attention on Him.
* Jesus decided to leave Judea and travel north to Galilee in order to avoid any conflict, but to get there, He had to travel through Samaria.
* Intense ethnic and cultural tensions raged historically between the Jews and Samaritans so that both avoided contact as much as possible.

**John 4:1-9, 20-22; Ezra 4:1–24; Neh. 4:1–6****; Luke 10:25–37;** **Phil 2:6-11**

**2. We must be willing to choose the spiritual over the physical.**

* Jesus’ willingness to engage her socially first, did not give up His cultural and racial identity to minister to someone of a different race and culture.
* Jesus used the woman’s need for physical water to sustain life in this arid region in order to serve as an object lesson for her need for spiritual transformation.
* The woman asked for some of this water so that she’d no longer get thirsty and have to keep coming out to draw water every day.

**John 4:10-15, 6:35; 7:37–39; Isaiah 12:3; Ezek. 36:25–27**

**3. Sin must be addressed, but done strategically!**

* Because Jesus was willing to drink from her cup He could now address her sin.
* The Samaritan woman acknowledged Jesus’ divine insight by calling Him a prophet since He accurately pinpointed her unrighteous lifestyle.
* The woman was in an immoral relationship and theologically confused. Nevertheless, she had a genuine messianic expectation: when the Messiah comes, He will explain everything to us.
* Jesus can deal with your sin. That’s why He came, and He can straighten out your confusion. All we need to have is an openness to receive Him.

**John 4:16-30; Deut. 12:5**