



## #homedevos 22.1

### COMMUNITY: PORTRAYING JESUS

#### Following Jesus' Example

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We learned last week WHY it is important to be part of a community where Jesus is Lord and King, a group of people coming together because they believe in Jesus and love Him with all of their hearts.

Can you remember why?

Yes, the answer is in our Memory Verse of last week! Ephesians 4:16 (NLT):

*"He makes the whole body fit together perfectly.*

*As each part does its own work, it helps the other parts grow.*

*So that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."*

We also learned that each member of this community is important – you are important, because God has given each one gifts and as we actively do part, the body of Christ will be healthy, growing and full of love.

Jesus is our perfect example of how to do community. He portrayed His Father.

Let us learn from Him and follow His example.

As we now read from the Word, picture this story in your mind, and listen well, I am going to ask some questions.

Read John 4:1-33, 39-42.

*(Please read this like a story - using your voice, facial expressions, etc. Suggested translations: NLT, TPT)*



#### Questions:

- What was the reaction of the woman when Jesus asked her to give Him some water?
- Why? (v.9)

- What was the reaction of the disciples when they saw Him talking to the woman?
- Why? (v.27)  
*The reason they reacted like that was in Jesus' time the Jews and the Samaritans were enemies and women were not important and men were not to greet women in public.*
- Why do you think did Jesus ask her for water? Was it just because He was thirsty? (v.14)  
*Jesus saw her real need and pointed her to the Messiah, Himself, to have eternal life.*

For the little ones: don't ask the questions, just explain.

*Jesus saw this Samaritan woman was so precious, made in God's image, even though neither she herself nor the disciples could see it. He loved her so much and did not condemn her for the wrong things she did, He was gracious to her how she can have real life, eternal life, which is in Him.*

We see in this story that Jesus was not moved by the culture of the day and the general opinion regarding Samaritans, women and sinners. He looked at her differently.

- He saw her great value: a person made in God's image - precious and valuable.
- He looked at her through eyes of love and compassion: He wanted her to be saved from the grip of sin and have real life, eternal life.
- He did not condemn her, but extended grace to her by pointing her to the Messiah, the One who saves and give eternal life.

In the same way, when we look at one another here in our family and at others and live life together, let us follow Jesus' example:

- Value one another as image bearers of God
- Have compassion and truly care for one another
- Have grace, always pointing to Jesus

In doing so we will portray Jesus and create a safe place for anyone to meet Jesus and together we grow closer to Him.

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### Activity:

This activity is for **your eyes only**. Be honest with yourself. It is to help you.

- Write down the names of your family.
- Answer the questions and give yourself a score out of ten: 1 – almost nothing and 10 – almost perfect.
- Answer the questions on each of your family members. See the example below.
- Questions:
  - How much do I value .....
  - How much compassion do I have for .....
  - How much grace do I extend to .....

Name	Value	Compassion	Grace
Vivian	6	4	4
Rebecca	8	9	8
Patricia	8	7	7

For the little ones:

Draw a picture of you and your family.

*(Let them talk to you about the drawing and lead and guide them gently and prayerfully in thanksgiving and helping them where they struggle.)*



### Prayer:

- Be quiet before the Lord, presenting to Him your answers and ask Him to speak to you in your heart. Holy Spirit is here to help us. Thank Him for each one of your family members.

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If you have a low score somewhere, Jesus is here to help you, because He loves you. Remember, there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ.

*(Play worship music softly.)*

*(Parents, be sensitive to your children and Holy Spirit. Always draw close to your children when you sense/pick up a problem/need and open the door for them to talk to you about it. Guide them prayerfully.)*

- Pray for our beloved country: a wholehearted turning back to God. (I want to encourage you to be part of the national prayer and fasting for our country this week, especially to be part of the countrywide prayer together on Saturday afternoon. Please visit the website: [www.thereturnsa.org](http://www.thereturnsa.org))



#### Memory Verse:

Psalm 103:8:

*“The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
Slow to anger, abounding in love.”*



#### Optional Extra Video:

Maybe later in the week: watch this video clip on Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

<https://www.jesuskfilm.org/watch/life-of-jesus-gospel-of-john.html/samaritan-woman/english.html>

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