



Love God



Love One Another



Do Mission Together

**Home Group study: week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**LOVE GOD, LOVE ONE ANOTHER, DO MISSION TOGETHER**

**THEME: LOVE ONE ANOTHER - SHARING JESUS**

**PASSAGE: JOHN 4 vs 1-26**

**LAUNCH**

If you met a complete stranger at a social gathering, what would your opening line of conversation be?

What sort of person are you drawn to and what sort of person annoys/repels you? In what ways have these personal preferences been shaped by previous experience?

**DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING**

Jesus overcame at least 3 prejudices in order to begin this conversation. What were they and why were they such a big deal in that society?

When you meet someone new, what arguments do give in your head not to talk to them? How can you overcome this line of thinking?

Share a time with the group when you had a conversation with someone that involved you sharing your faith. What were the good aspects of the conversation & what were the not so good aspects? (Remember Matt's story)

What do you think are the biggest fears for the average person when they meet a Christian?

John Burke argues that nowadays it is quite possible to 'win the argument but lose the person'. What does he mean by this & do you agree?

We sometimes think that sin and the need for Jesus are the key starting points for sharing Jesus. But he wanted to talk about life, water & worship first. Why did he go down this line of conversation & what can we learn?

Jesus - I believe very gently applied his gift of knowledge to open up the woman's personal circumstances. How can we talk about sin in a way that is non-judgemental & not patronising?

**APPLICATION**

Pray for opportunities to get to know new people this Christmas

Pray for humility, love & gentleness as you explore ways in which you can discuss your relationship with Christ

Pray for an infilling of the Spirit accompanied by a gift of knowledge that can be gently and thoughtfully applied

Pray for opportunities to invite friends to the Alpha course in the spring