

Each Sunday in July are 'Gift Days' an opportunity to give towards the cost of building repairs at Emmanuel

Men's Breakfast Sat 20th July
08:30 at the Membly Hall cost £9.00, Guest Speaker is Graham King. Please book through EBC

OASIS Groups
Fri 19th July is a Beach Party. Please see Amy or Duncan for more info

Food for Thought
Meeting on Thurs 18th July. Guest Speakers are David & Jean Gray. Starts 2.30pm.

'STEPPING-OUT' Men's Walking Group Sat 20th July 'Cove 2 Cove - And Back!' Join us for an 8 mile'ish circular walk amongst Cornwall's glorious scenery. **Meet EBC 08:30** with a packed -lunch, tea/coffee stop (s) en-route. Names to Bryan **a.s.a.p. please** (01326-312115 or

Web Site Finance Thank you to those who have pledged so far, we're half way there already. Deadline 31st July. Pledges can be emailed to me on communication@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk.

EBC Café is Open Mon, Tues & Wed 9.30am 1.30pm this week. **Help is always needed.** See Charles if you can help for all or part of these days.

A group of people meet for **Prayer on a Monday morning 9-9.30am** in the church. You are most welcome to join them

Sunday 14th July 2019

10.30am Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.

A warm welcome to you all. We would love to get to know each other better, so please introduce yourself. If you can, join us for refreshments after the service.

Children and youth groups are out to their classes from the start of the service.

6pm Pizza & Praise evening at church for the youth.

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Main Door Bryan Green
Inner Door Dennis Bennett & Sara Short
Easy Worship Becky Brown
Teas & Coffees Bryan & Hazel Green

Future Date for your Diary!
A 'Bring & Share' Picnic lunch on **Sunday 28th July.**
More information to follow

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A HOUSEGROUP?
Email housegroups@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk and one of our Housegroup co-ordinators will put you in touch with a group.

WOULD YOU LIKE US TO PRAY FOR YOU?
Please come and ask the service leader and they will find one of our prayer team to pray with you.

Sermon Outline Notes:

John 4: 1 -42 An Empty Life

Introduction

Life, said the critic James Honecker is like an onion—you peel layer after layer only to discover there's nothing in it, except tears. I think this woman of Samaria would have agreed with him! But then she met Jesus and in the space of a single conversation Jesus transformed her emptiness into a sparkling fountain of satisfaction and joy.

1) A question of curiosity -verses 4-7

- 'had to go through Samaria' - pious Jews avoided Samaria and I think this is John's way of telling us this meeting was no chance matter.
- The woman is surprised as Jesus was flouting two social conventions of his day—talking to a Samaritan who was a woman!
- A question—'How can you ask me for a drink?'

2) A sense of need-verses 10 -15

- 'small talk' is quickly dispensed with and Jesus challenges the spiritual emptiness in this woman's life.
- Did she genuinely misunderstand Jesus and took him literally? I don't think so and I think some 'banter' is going on here.
- Jesus is not diverted from his purpose, and the woman's reply is less dismissive. She expresses in a 'playful' way her need.

3) A stab of conscience—verses 16 -16

- Jesus exposes the real problem, he gives the diagnosis which is her moral failure.

4) A response of the heart -verses 19-24

- Is this a 'red herring' thrown into the conversation to change the subject?
- Beneath the comment in verse 20 were the questions where do I compensate for my sin, where do I offer sacrifices for it?

- In his reply Jesus is saying that this woman stands on the threshold of a new age; a new era is dawning in which access to God will no longer be tied to any one race or nation as it was in the past—its going to be a matter of spirit and truth!
- Spirit—the distinctive life that God has and that has been made available to us through Jesus.
- Truth—the reality of God's being but which actually becomes visible to man through Jesus (see John 1: 17-18).

5) A commitment to Jesus—verse 25

- To get the full power of the final affirmation by Jesus we have to realise that what John wrote was 'I who speak to you I am'. Jesus is identifying with God.

Points to Ponder

- 1) Was anything said with which you disagreed ? Why?
- 2) Did the passage raise any questions for you?

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