

Jack and Jill – A Better Story

Weekend Discussion Questions

January 26-27, 2013

Community:

1. When you were growing up, what was one of your favorite books? What was your favorite part about it?
2. Now that you're an adult, what's your favorite book of all time? Is it the same as when you were a kid? What makes this one your current favorite?

Core:

1. We've been looking at the woman at the well for the last couple weeks...what has stuck out to you so far about her story?
2. In talking with this woman at the well, Jesus tells her: "Everyone who drinks *this* water will be thirsty again." (John 4:13). You could sum this up by saying: Don't try to get from anyone or anything what you can only get from God. What are some examples of people trying to get from something or someone what they can only get from God?
3. All relationships tell a story. Read John 4:16-18. What type of a story is this woman's relationship-life telling, from what you can assume?
4. Our relationships, or marriages, tell a story too. And most young people, when they look at our marriages, the lesson from the story they see is that marriage doesn't work. Why do you think this is?
5. Maybe our marriages would do better if we listened to the one who designed them to tell us how they work better. What are some things that God says will lead to a great marriage?
6. Read Genesis 2:24. The words "be united to" literally means "stick to"—what do you think it means for a husband to "stick to" his wife? When it says that they are "one flesh", what do you think that means?
7. The Bible talks regularly about how God's design for marriage is a special intimacy, a *oneness* that can't be experienced outside his design and without his involvement. How would you describe "oneness" within a marriage? What are some of the biggest obstacles to oneness?

Challenge:

1. When we watch movies or read stories, the good ones don't ask us questions up front, but they make us ask questions about ourselves as a result of the story. So if your relationship is telling a story, what is it about? What do people think to themselves when they see your relationship?



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