

Message Notes

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*Life Together On Mission
Compassionate Curiosity
John 4:7
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- Jesus' mission: to bring people back into right relationship _____ God.
- To "_____" where God's working, Jesus _____ questions & _____.
- By asking questions, Jesus opens _____ for God's _____ to work.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her,
"Will you give me a drink?" John 4:7

Habit #2: Compassionate Curiosity

- *Compassionate* = _____ to show empathy & genuine _____ for.
- *Curiosity* = strong desire to know or _____ something; real _____.
- Jesus has a _____ appointment with a woman at a _____. John 4:4-6
- The woman & His disciples are _____ Jesus talks to her. John 4:9,27
- Jesus doesn't _____ the conversation; lets her go off on a _____.
- Jesus helps her _____ her "_____" & share some of her _____.
- Moved by Jesus' _____, she _____ others by asking a _____.
- Jesus _____ His disciples a question & says, _____ your eyes. John 4:35
- Notice Jesus says to His disciples, "I _____ to _____". John 4:38
- As Jesus is compassionate & curious, God _____ in a whole _____.

Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you,
open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35

- _____ "_____" am I _____ to practice compassionate curiosity?
- Lord, teach me to _____ first to You then ask someone _ question.

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Learning to Ask Questions

The goal is never to force a conversation but to discern how God may already be at work in someone's life.

Get to know a person's story. Listen with eye contact. Be sensitive to them & to the Holy Spirit as you listen.

Ask open-ended questions (like how or what?) more than closed questions that require yes or no answers.

Be more of a "what about you?" than a "let me tell you all about me" person. Try to ask about them first.

- Where did you grow up? What was the town like?
- What are some of your childhood memories?
- How (if applicable) did you and your spouse meet?
- What do you like most about your job? Like least?
- What place would you like to visit if you could?
- What do you do to relax & have fun? Any hobbies?
- What's your favorite ice cream? Food? Music?
- What are you learning lately? Reading? Watching?
- What's encouraged you recently? Challenged you?
- What helps you when you're down or discouraged?
- What person in history do you most admire? Why?
- Do you have any kind of spiritual beliefs?
- Who is Jesus to you?
- May I pray with you?