



Leading People into a Growing
Relationship with Jesus Christ!

Antioch CELEBRATION Message: "Letting Go of the Past"

Sermon Series: "Letting Go"

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LEARN about each other!

Do you like to ask for directions?

LEARN to Let Go of the Past

In Pastor John's sermon, he compared Jesus to a "spiritual On Star System."

Jesus said, "I am the bright morning star." **Revelation 22:16b**

READ: John 4:4-30!

In John 4, the "woman at the well" finds out that Jesus:

- **Searches for us!** Jesus went "through Samaria," an unlikely place for a Jew, to find her.
- **Knows us!** Jesus not only miraculously knew the woman's past, but offered her a future.
- **Recalibrates us!** Jesus taught her the truth about herself and offered forgiveness.

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What's your reaction to this statement?

"Sin leads to shame, shame leads to isolation."

How does a healthy church offer forgiveness instead of shame and community instead of isolation?

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Did Jesus come to an unlikely place or use unlikely methods to show you love?

It might be said that the church is full of surprising people who found love and shared it. What prejudices or “pre-judgments” might hamper this process?

Who is Jesus calling you to love? How is God using that to change you?

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Jesus gave us a powerful example of shepherding in John 4. He went to find the “one lost sheep” and taught His disciples to break cultural rules in order to share the truth in love. What cultural rules are you willing to break in order to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ?

Like the disciples “counseling” Jesus, sometimes well-meaning Christians can try to talk other Christians out of serving, helping, or loving “unlikely” people. Have you ever tried to hold someone back from serving an “unlikely” person? Have you ever held back from serving out of fear of other Christian’s judgments?

Pray!

A powerful story of grace and truth. A life changed by forgiveness and a new purpose. Thank God for allowing you to hear His story, and ask Him to show you how He wants to make it a part of YOUR story!