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## SERMON OUTLINE

## JESUS AS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

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After learning about the Pharisees' reaction to His ministry, Jesus left Judea for Galilee. By noon, He reached Sychar and encountered a Samaritan woman drawing water from the well. Jesus asked the woman for a drink. She was surprised because He was a Jew speaking to a Samaritan woman. Jesus' request for water to quench his thirst became a spiritual conversation as He told the woman about the gift that He could give- the living water that leads to eternal salvation. Jesus showed that God's love breaks all racial, cultural, and gender barriers (vv. 1-14).

The woman wanted the water but failed to grasp Jesus' point. This led Him to ask about her personal life and relationship. Jesus made her realize that she needed to repent and be redeemed from her immoral lifestyle. She also recognized that Jesus was a prophet, for He knew about her

sinful situation. Her response indicated that she had received Jesus' offer of eternal life. Jesus knew every circumstance in everyone's life (vv. 15-20).

Jesus taught the woman spiritual truths. The Samaritan woman was aware that the Jews and Samaritans debated over the center of worship. Jesus confronted her questions with the truth that the hour is coming and is here. And that true worshippers worship the Father in spirit and truth. After Jesus' death, the place of worship became irrelevant. Worship is anchored in man's internal condition, not on external compliances. Jesus rendered all external religious rituals obsolete (vv. 21-26).

When the disciples returned, they were astonished to learn that Jesus had spoken with the woman. Meanwhile, the woman left the scene, leaving her jars

behind to tell her townsfolk about who she saw and what He said. This led the people to go to where Jesus was. The disciples, on the other hand, offered food to Jesus. Instead, Jesus directed His disciples to prioritize their intimacy with the Father as they participated in God's redemptive plan for this world. Jesus modeled complete submission to the Father's will (vv. 27-34).

The woman's story led people to believe in Jesus. In the two days that Jesus stayed with them, many more believed in Him. The conversion of the Samaritans proved that Jesus is not only the Savior of Israel but the Savior of all people and nations in the world (vv. 35-42).

In this sermon, we will learn spiritual truths about Jesus as the Savior of the World and its importance to us today. ✨

## TIME TO BE INVOLVED

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Growing up, I was told that I cannot choose the people whom I will meet. That was proven to be right. When I started school, I did not choose the set of kids who would be my classmates. Same goes with my professors in college, my workmates, my bosses, etc. But despite that, I believe that the Lord has a purpose and reason for allowing our lives to intertwine one way or another. It can be for a short moment, or a lasting one.

I believe the same goes with ministry. You cannot choose the people whom the Lord will bring to you to minister. But one thing is for sure, we are to minister to everyone and anyone whom the Lord will bring to our lives.

This is the very principle I pray for the Grades 11 and 12 of GCF South Metro Christian School to embrace. Currently, in partnership with the Engaging and Evangelizing Ministry, and GGLI, we teach the subject Cross-Cultural Missions to the said grade level. It is my daily prayer for them to not just embrace this principle during the duration of their course, but to live by it for life.

Missions is a mandate. As followers of the Lord Jesus

## PARSON TO PERSON

Christ, we are called to take part in the work of the Lord in whatever way possible. We might think that we are not cut for it because we lack the resources or connections, or even just don't know how and where to start. But just like how the Lord brings people in our lives to minister, I believe the Lord will also lead us to opportunities wherein we can take part in His mission work.

Mission work is not just limited to going in the field. Yes, some of us are called to be a "goer", but some of us are also called to be a "sender". Taking part in the mission work can happen in or out of the field. We can send financial support, prayers, and even pay a visit. Some of us can also take part in mobilizing missionaries in the fulfillment of God's calling.

I personally thank each and everyone who supports the fundraising efforts of our Grades 11 and 12 students in preparation for their Cross-cultural Missions Exposure Trip that will happen on May 20-24, 2024, in Davao. During that trip, they will hold a two-day DVBS, and visit communities. Their fundraising efforts will run every Sunday, until the month of May. Their airfare and accommodation will be personally shouldered by each student so your support and

donations will be very much appreciated.

The message of salvation is for all. The call to take part of God's mission work is for all. I pray and hope that we will all find ways and be more intentional in sharing the love and gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ not just to the nearby communities but even beyond, to everyone and anyone. We are not in the position to choose whom we will minister to and we are certainly not in the position to make excuses for not taking part in the Lord's work.

May this be the day wherein we will realize and take a stand in intentionally involving ourselves in the mission work of the Lord, in whatever way possible, with all that we are, and with all the resources the Lord has blessed us with. Remember, no one is too young, too old, or too limited in taking part in the kingdom work of God.

*<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?*

*<sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" - Romans 10.14-15 ✨*

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