



**COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS**  
**May 7, 2017**  
**Love Can Break Walls | John 4:1-26**

**Questions for Study and Group Discussion**

\*Before you begin, please read John 4:1-26 as a group.

1. What "invisible walls" or barriers exist in our world today that divide people and create distance in relationships among people? Work as a group to brainstorm a list of at least 6-8 of these "walls."
2. Share examples of how any of these "walls" has manifested itself in your experience – either in your life personally, in a close relationship, etc.
3. Does anyone have examples of how these "walls" have been broken down? Ways that relationships have been formed across these walls that would otherwise divide and separate? Share the example and any intentional steps that were taken to build bridges and tear down walls.
4. Read John 20:30-31 and John 10:10. How does knowing Jesus came to offer everyone LIFE motivate Christians to tear down the walls that would otherwise separate us from others?
5. In John 4, one of the walls that Jesus breaks through is the wall of cultural separation. As a group, list some of the ways Jesus and this woman at the well are different culturally.
6. In breaking through this wall of cultural separation, what is Jesus communicating? (Need a hint? Check out Galatians 3:28.)
7. What opportunities exist in your life to build meaningful relationships and share Jesus with people from different cultures?
8. Another wall Jesus breaks through in John 4 is the wall of internal shame. What clues are there in John 4 that the Samaritan woman was trapped by shame?
9. How is shame a "wall" that can create distance and separation in relationships?
10. Two questions help us make all this personal. In discussion around your group, respond to each of these questions:
  - **What walls can I break down?** How can I build bridges and show others that the life Jesus offers is for everyone?
  - **Are there walls I'm hiding behind?** Are there walls I've built around my life that are keeping me from experiencing the life Jesus offers?
11. **Challenge:** Memorize Galatians 3:28: There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.