

MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS and CAVES

sermon series

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Jesus encountered a woman with a checkered past. Jesus was “kind” but not “nice” as He spoke plainly and directly with her. He was not mean, judgmental, and bombastic—He just spoke to her. That was remarkable. A Jewish man talking to a Samaritan woman? Not only that, but she was “that woman” in her community. Decent people wouldn’t be caught dead with her. She was despised, rejected, cast-off, unwanted, and shunned because of her past. As Isaiah 53 prophesied, Jesus had to deal with the same rejection not because of unrighteousness but because of His righteousness. John 3:16 is followed in the next few verses with the statement that people love darkness rather than light. Jesus engaged her in conversation. She used a diversion tactic in verse 20 when she went into the old “Jew vs. Samaritan” routine. After a civil war, an alternative site for worship was set up locally in Samaria. The Jews and the Samaritans had hostility toward each other. Jesus responded and redirected the conversation.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, had to redirect the conversation about reaching the lost. In his day, 1700s in England, the poor were marginalized and disregarded. They were considered disposable, too. When George Whitefield invited Wesley to preach outdoors to the coal miners early in the morning, Wesley thought the Lord would be offended. However, when he tried it, he realized that audience was more receptive than most who attended church. Early Methodists were overwhelmingly poor. Wesley cared for them, like Jesus cared for this woman.

Jesus’ conversation on Mount Gerizim in Samaria is the model of invitation. He broke down cultural barriers and invited someone considered to be trash in the community to talk to Him. He listened. He had compassion. He wanted everyone to belong. He invited anyone and everyone to the party in the kingdom of God. She, in turn, became an evangelist.



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APPLICATION:

Our theme this week is **invitation**. What lessons can you learn about invitation from Jesus? What lessons can you learn from the woman about inviting others to meet Jesus? Consider inviting someone to watch the episode of “The Chosen” (season 1, episode 8) where Jesus meets the woman at the well. What are ways you can help others follow Jesus?



MESSAGE

John 4:16-26

Senior Pastor
Tom Harrison

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

JESUS ON THE MOUNT
AT GALILEE

MARCH 14

MARCH 15

MARCH 16

MARCH 17

MARCH 18

MARCH 19

John 6:1-15

John 6:16-40

John 6:41-59

John 6:60-71

Matthew 28:16-20

Colossians 2:6-7

WAYS TO GIVE:



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“asburygive”
to 73256



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Offering box
or any time in
the main office or
the South Guest
Services Desk.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S GIVING:

WEEKLY GIVING:

\$205,852

YTD GIVING BUDGET:

\$1,595,797

YTD GIVING ACTUAL:

\$1,528,244

SUNDAY MORNING



9:30 & 11 am



9:30 am

Asbury Students Center



8, 9:30 & 11 am

Check asburytulsa.org/communities for full listing

EVENTS Next Steps

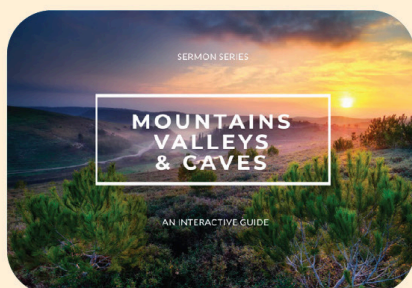
NEWCOMER MEAL

with Senior Pastor Tom Harrison

March 27 | 12:15 pm

An introduction to our mission, sacraments and membership vows.

Register at asburytulsa.org/newcomermeal



**SERMON JOURNAL
AND INTERACTIVE GUIDE**
asburytulsa.app/interactive



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STUDENTS
SPRING BREAK MISSIONS

PRAYER WATCH

Your prayers are essential.

Sign up today for the hour of your choosing. asburytulsa.org/prayerwatch

CONNECT CAMP 2022

For 4th and 5th graders and their parent/adult

APRIL 1-2, 2022

LAST DAY! Register at asburytulsa.org/connectcamp.



THE ENCORE YEARS FOR EMPTY NESTERS

Tuesday, March 22 | 6:30 pm
Room 2820

Have your children “grown and flown,” or are they on the verge of leaving the nest? If you answered “Yes,” come connect with others.



FREE EVENT

K-1 Pajama Party

Friday, March 25 | 6:30 pm

AsburyKids Area

This is a Kindergarten and First Grade special event. We will have a PJ party, where we will be serving breakfast for dinner and making stuffed animals. Register at asburytulsa.org/pjparty.

ASBURY WOMEN'S SPRING GATHERING



OLYMPIC LEGEND

**MADELINE
MANNING-MIMS**

Friday, March 25

6:30 pm

asburytulsa.org/women2022

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Healthy Lifestyle | Angela Parris

ABC's of Financial Freedom | Sara Rogers

Single and Thriving | Sydney Black

Reception following breakout sessions.

FREE EVENT



St. Patrick Day's Celebration

6:30 pm, Friday, March 18, CLC

FREE event hosted by Asbury's International Ministry.

What an exciting night this will be! David and Maaïke, songwriters and musicians from the Netherlands, will create a powerful atmosphere with their music and sharing. Donations appreciated. For head count purposes, please register at asburytulsa.org/events. Wear your green!