

One Missing: John 4:1-26

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Take a look at John 4:1-26. After reading it, list the cast of characters:

Why was the woman surprised when Jesus asked her for a drink of water?

Remembering what you've read, what kind of woman is the Samaritan?

Why was she living with a man that wasn't her husband? Was she ___ looking for love?
___ exempt from the Law
___ sure she'd do better next time.

When does she start to see who Jesus *really is*?

Does it make a difference? _____

Where do we see evidence of a change?

What is it that keeps you going from day to day? Write a short and honest autobiography that tells you about it.

Does Jesus help people today like He did for the Samaritan woman? _____

Does He help you? _____

Where can you see evidence of a change?

~The Bottom Line~

In every one of us, there is a part which only God can fill. We may use substitutes to cover the hole, but it never lasts for long. When we ask God to come into our lives, He provides us with peace that fits perfectly.

A News Rate of Exchange: I Samuel 17:40-50

Read 1 Samuel 17:40-50. Who is on the scene?

What's the army's plan? (vv. 38-39)

When does David say, "I don't think so"?

Where is all of this going to take place?

David was going to take on the biggest bully on Israel's playground. This bully stood over nine feet tall! David must have been ___ asleep.
___ on new medication.
___ see verse 37.

Goliath wasn't exactly fond of David. What does he say in vs. 43 and 44 that gives us that impression?

David isn't too upset. Where does he tell us why not?

Just for the record, how big was Goliath?

And David was armed with what?

Who armed David with something besides his weapons?

How did David get to know God so well?

Your assignment is to write a short article for the Judean Gazette telling of the battle and its outcome. Please write your story on the other side of this handout.

~The Bottom Line~

David knew that he didn't have to use too much to get the job done. Nothing's changed.

Moving On: Matthew 14:22-33

Find a body of water and swim over to Matthew 14:22-33

Who's in almost over his head?

What do we know about him?

When he left the boat, he was...A) all wet; B) sinking fast; and C)...

What did Peter have that kept him afloat?

If Peter had enough faith to stay afloat, why did he begin slip sliding away?

Even if you don't enjoy water polo like Peter did, what keeps you "up" where you can see Jesus?

In what ways is our faith like Peter's?

A shark is unlike any other sea creature in that he has to keep moving or he drowns. Even when he sleeps, he keeps moving through the water. If we apply the same principle to Christianity, how do we keep moving?

~The Bottom Line~

One gets the impression that we can't be content to rest on our past victories. Faith keeps moving. When we Christians "keep moving," what are we doing? A) making it tough on the post office; or B) growing stronger in our faith. And with our growing faith, we are better suited to handling life's little wet spots.

Mountain Man: Joshua 14:6-12

You've made it to the top of Mount Everest and it's time for lunch. While you're eating, look up another mountaineering buddy in Joshua 14:6-12.

Who's doing the mountain claiming?

What evidence does he give that might entitle him to the inheritance he's asking for?

He's asking for it in verse 12. what is "it"?

Is Caleb asking as A) a favor; B) a washed-up soldier; or C) a worthy recipient?

As Christians, what kind of inheritance do we have?

Caleb was confident in asking for what he did because he had kept his part of the bargain. But was it enough just to ask? There was something Caleb still had to do once he was given the land. He had to occupy it.

What are our responsibilities when God answers our prayers?

And when He answers "no"?

What are some of the ways that Christians "occupy" the answers to their prayers?

~The Bottom Line~

Climb, Claim, and Continue!