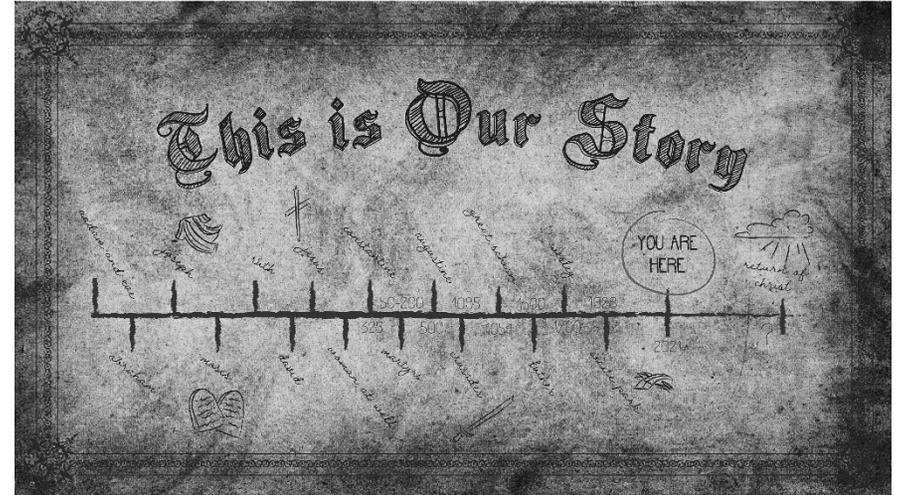


Questions for Group or Individual Reflection:

1. Which point on the journey are you? The woman at the well, Cornelius, or Peter?
2. What might God be saying to you?
3. How is he calling you to respond?
4. What is keeping you from responding to God's pursuit?



God Pursues

"Not only does God find _____ repugnant, he finds _____ repugnant!"

We sometimes believe God is just waiting for us to _____
_____ so he can _____ us.

But God took our _____ and _____ upon
himself, so we can be free from the cycle of sin.

Three Stories of God's Pursuit

Woman at the Well: John 4

Barriers:

- Jew vs. _____
- Man vs _____
- Righteous vs "sinner"

If she was in that situation, she probably _____ it.

Jesus recognized her sin was how she coped with a world that saw her as a _____ - _____.

He pursues with _____ and _____.

Cornelius (Acts 10)

Barriers:

- He was a _____.
- He was a _____.

_____ - _____: a gentile who was sympathetic to the God of the Jews, but didn't convert.

God responds to Cornelius' sincere (but incomplete) faith by providing someone to share the _____.

Peter (Acts 10)

Barriers:

- Tradition
- Years of _____ from _____.

God responds by teaching Peter through _____.

Three points on the Journey:

The Woman at the Well

God offers relationship.

How to respond?

- _____
- _____ grace.

Cornelius

Who is Cornelius?

- A _____ or _____ who is good, but not a _____.
- _____!

How to Respond:

Take a _____ of _____.

Peter

Who is Peter?

A long-time _____.

What does God's pursuit look like?

- _____ of ungodly attitudes toward people.
- _____ our understanding of him.

How to Respond:

_____ and a heart open to God's _____.
(Psalm 51:17)