



Small Group Notes

Conversation Starter: *Find a question to get the conversation started for your group*

- In what ways are you longing for the approval of others? How has that affected you?
- What past experiences might cause your longing for the approval of others?
- What steps might you need to take to focus more on pleasing God and living from the approval of God?

Read: John 4:27-42

Share with the group: *Choose questions that create openness*

- What sticks out to you as you read this passage?
- What do we learn about God's character in this passage?
- What truth or truths are at the heart of this passage?
- Any examples from how you have seen this truth or truths in your life?

Questions:

- In what ways do you feel inadequate? What might be causing your feelings of inadequacy?
- What steps will you take to overcome any feelings of inadequacy you may have?

- Why do you think so many of us allow others to define how we view ourselves instead of allowing God to say who we are?
- What does God's grace mean to you and how has it affected you?
- How do you think the way God sees you might be different from the way you see yourself?

Take Action: *How will you live this out this week?*

- What's one idea from the message or text that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
- As you think about what has been discussed, what is one thing you want to ask God for?
- How can the small group pray for you this week?