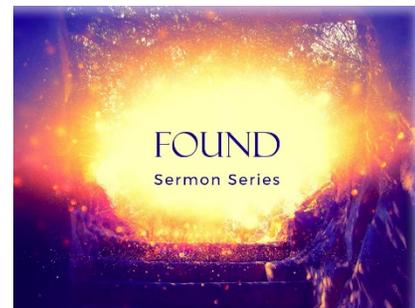


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Week 6 – May 26, 2019

For further study - Farmer, C. (1996). Changing Images of the Samaritan Woman in Early Reformed Commentaries on John. *Church History*, 65(3), 365-375.
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- **Passage:** [John 4:7-18](#)
- **Memory Verse:** *Indeed, the water that I shall give him will become in him a well of water springing up into eternal life.* (John 4:14b, MEV)
- **Main Idea**
 - What is the main idea of this passage?
 - How would you summarize the main idea of the sermon this week?
- **Applying God's Word in Community**
 - Read [Jeremiah 2:13](#). What two evils does God talk about?
 - What are modern-day examples of committing these two evils?
 - From the sermon passage, we learn of another well. Jesus says that He is the source of the only water that will satisfy and quench our thirst – it is eternal and springs up from within. Have you experienced this life-giving nourishment?
 - What is your “go too” well? Is it the eternally thirst-quenching gift of God? Or, are you looking to other priorities to fill you up and satisfy your soul?
 - What does being found by God mean to you? How does it make you feel?
 - If you have questions or doubts about what you're reading and studying, what would be one practical way you could begin opening yourself up to the gift of living water that Jesus freely offers you?
- **Prayer** – Read the sermon passage once more, then spend time talking to God Himself in response to His unconditional gift of eternally satisfying living water.
 - **Adoration** – Praise God for seeking and finding His own.
 - **Confession** – Confess to God where you may be refusing His gift of eternal life.
 - **Thanksgiving** – Thank God that He speaks to you in a personal way.
 - **Supplication** – Ask God to help you experience new life in Him.
- **Connecting Church & Home for Kids**
 - Read the sermon passage from a Children's Bible.
 - Talk about, or play the game, “Lost and Found.”
 - Ask kids what it feels like to be lost and to think about what it might feel like to be *truly* lost. Next, ask them what it means to them to be found. Explain how they can know that feeling of *being found* for the rest of their lives.
 - Ask them to pray (or lead them in) a prayer of thanksgiving for the ways God seeks and finds His children.
- **Going Deeper:** Here are some additional questions for you to engage the preached word more deeply either individually or with others.
 - Read all of the passages from the **Found** sermon series - [1 Corinthians 15:1-19](#), [Luke 15:11-31](#), [Luke 19:1-10](#), [Acts 16:11-15](#), [Luke 17:11-19](#), and [John 4:7-18](#). Write out any thoughts you have after reading the six passages together. What additional insights about these passages strike you?
 - In your own words, what does this verse mean? [“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”](#)
 - How would you describe the concept of being lost to someone else?
 - Read the lyrics (below) of “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.” The [author](#) wrote this hymn at a time of deep personal tragedy and sorrow and later sent it to his own mother to comfort her in her sorrow. Take a few moments to write out your thoughts or a prayer as it relates to the words:

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!*

*O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.*

*Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.*

*Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.*

*Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.*