

ICEBREAKER

Rob shared survey results from last week showing that Salem Alliance speaks over 30 languages, is multi-generational, ethnically diverse, socio-economically varied, and spans the political spectrum.

Think about your own neighborhood, workplace, or friend group. How diverse is it? What barriers (visible or invisible) keep you in a more homogenous circle?

INTRO

Last week, we looked at the "Living Water" Jesus offers. This week, we shift our focus to "All the World." Our church reflects a growing diversity but we are part of an even larger global story.

- **What stood out to you most about the diversity of our local body mentioned in the survey results?**
- **When you hear the phrase "All the World," what specific regions or people groups come to mind first?**

IDEA 1

Jesus modeled going outside of localized comfort zones. By traveling through Samaria and speaking to the woman at the well, He broke ethnic, religious, and social taboos. The route through Samaria was 23 miles shorter, yet pious Jews avoided it due to deep ethnic and religious hatred. Jesus not only took that route—He got off at an “exit” and engaged a Samaritan woman in conversation. He then commissioned us in Acts 1:8 to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

- **Jesus went through Samaria, a route most avoided due to deep-seated hatred. What are the "Samarias" in our world today that we are tempted to avoid?**
- **How does Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman challenge your own boundaries of who is "eligible" to receive the Living Water?**
- **In the Acts 1:8 progression (Jerusalem → Judea → Samaria → ends of the earth), where do you feel most naturally called? Where do you feel most resistant?**

IDEA 2

Salem Alliance is part of the Alliance World Fellowship, a movement that began in the 1880s in NYC and has grown to over 24,000 churches in 88 countries with 7 million members. From coffee shops and CrossFit gyms to disaster relief, food aid and underground churches, the Gospel is being both declared and demonstrated throughout the world. Whether through the Great Commission Fund or CAMA (relief and development), our participation helps bring the peace, power, and presence of Jesus into chaos.

- Which of the global stories (Manchester, Kosovo, Indonesia, Sahel, or the Middle East) moved you the most? Why?
- The underground church in the Middle East is growing rapidly despite intense persecution. What can we learn from their vibrant faith?
- How do demonstrations of the Gospel (like digging mud out of homes or providing rice) pave the way for the declaration of the Gospel? Can you think of a time when someone's actions opened your heart to hear their words?

EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER

Invite the group to close their eyes. Briefly recap the locations mentioned: the university students and diverse immigrants in Manchester, the recovering war zones of Kosovo, the flood victims in Indonesia, the displaced families facing terrorism in Mali/Burkina Faso/Niger, and the underground believers facing persecution in the Middle East.

Prompt: "Ask the Holy Spirit to highlight one of these regions or a specific worker to your heart right now. Don't force it—just listen."

Take about five minutes for intercessory prayer.

In groups of 2-3, pray specifically for the region or need that was highlighted. Use Romans 10:14-15 as a framework:

- Pray for the messengers (that their "feet would be beautiful" and they would have courage and wisdom).
- Pray for the indigenous leaders (for protection, strength, and Spirit-empowerment).
- Pray for the recipients (that they would hear, believe, call on the name of the Lord, and be saved).

EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER

Reconvene and read Romans 10:14-15 aloud together:

"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, 'How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!'"

Ask: "What is one tangible way you can be part of 'All of Us' this week—either locally in your 'Samaria' or globally through prayer and giving?"

PRACTICE THIS WEEK

Stay Informed and Pray:

- Follow the Alliance on social media or visit Camaservices.org to read their blog. Choose one story this week to share with a friend or family member.
- Commit to praying daily for one of our sent workers or a specific global project mentioned in the sermon (Manchester, Kosovo, Indonesia, Sahel, or the Middle East), or one of our many other international workers.

Give Sacrificially:

- Consider a gift to the Great Commission Fund or CAMA via the church's giving app, envelopes, or QR code—your financial participation matters.

Live on Mission:

- Identify one "barrier" in your own neighborhood or workplace this week. Like Jesus in Samaria, take an intentional "exit" off your normal path to engage with someone outside your comfort zone—across ethnicity, generation, politics, or socio-economic status.
- Ask yourself: "Who is my 'Samaritan'—the person or group I'm most tempted to avoid?" Then take one small step toward them with the love of Jesus.