

Week 1 • Aug 21 Spiritually Curious

Introduction

If you've ever felt stuck and can't move, you know it's a horrible feeling. As we begin a new series entitled *Moved*, Pastor John reveals ways we can become stuck individually and as a church. He discusses being authentic as we examine three spiritually curious people in the Bible who are stuck in their spiritual journey and how they eventually move.

Discussion

- 1. Share three times/ways you've felt stuck. How did you move on from those thoughts or situations?
- 2. **Read John 4.** In what way was the Samaritan woman spiritually curious? How did Jesus respond to her knowing the implications of her being a Samaritan and he a Jew?
- 3. What specific doubts and difficult questions do you have to bring to God like Nicodemus (**John 3:9**) and the rich young man (**Mark 10:17**)? Discuss them with your group; you may not have answers, but you can process through them together.
- 4. As a church, how can we model authenticity and encourage those who are spiritually curious?

Take Action

- 1. Focus on being approachable and gracious like Jesus consistently does with those who are spiritually curious (Mark 10:21) and invite them into your circle and to our weekend services.
- 2. Pray for sincere authenticity and honesty about the fight going on within your heart. Ask God to meet and move you beyond any concerns you have about your ego or reputation.
- 3. We don't have to have all the answers or be perfect to serve God. Get involved at your campus and volunteer to help and minister to others.

Resources

In The Gospel of John – Part 1, Session 4, Dr. Tony Evans covers John 3:1-36, available on RightNow Media.

Stuck, by Jennie Allen, is an 8-session series available on RightNow Media.

The Gospel of Mark Study Guide by Frances Chan, available on Amazon