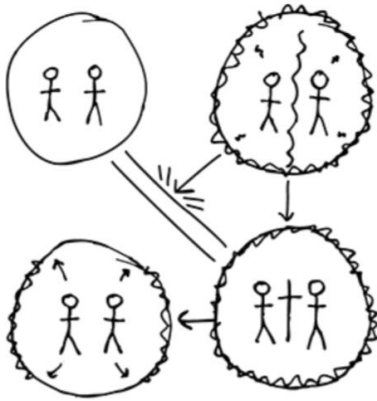


VIDEO 4:

Restoration

THE FOUR CIRCLES



Beauty
Brokenness
Redemption
Restoration

VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

Use this space to take down a few notes on things that stood out to you from the video.

NAME (in order of appearance)	NOTES
ELEANOR (Asian American, Filipino)	
BRENT (African American)	
LEAH (Puerto Rican, Italian, Polish)	
ANDREW (German, Scottish, Irish, English, Armenian)	
MEGAN (Native American, Irish, Scottish)	
TODD (German American)	
SEAN (African American)	

BIBLICAL REFLECTION: John 4:16–42 [NIV]

¹⁶ He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

¹⁷ “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

¹⁹ “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

²¹ “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

²⁵ The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

³³ Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

³⁴ “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

³⁵ Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴² They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

The Big Story (4 Circles) & Your Ethnic Story

TELLING YOUR ETHNIC STORY.

What is your ethnic background?

Be as specific as you can. For example:

- "I'm Scottish and German American," instead of "I'm white"
- "I'm black, descended from slavery" or "I'm Nigerian-American," instead of "I'm black"
- "I'm Taiwanese American," instead of "I'm Asian"

When did your ancestors first arrive in the U.S.?

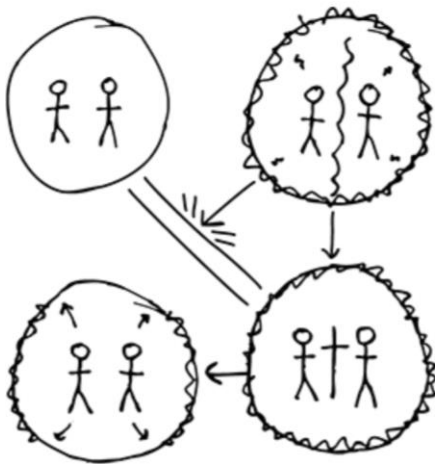
When was the first time you realized you were _____?

INVITE JESUS INTO YOUR ETHNIC STORY.

Go back to Week 2, Brokenness. Name a few areas of your ethnic journey into which you have been asking Jesus for healing and forgiveness.

_____/_____/_____

How is this changing how you understand God's work in redeeming your story?



CIRCLES 1 & 2:

- What are your specific emotions or thoughts about your ethnicity? What words come to mind? _____
- Name 1–2 moments in your life when you really loved being your ethnicity.

- What were a few moments when you wished you were from a different ethnic background? _____

CIRCLE 3:

- What is one thing you asked forgiveness for? _____
- What is an area of healing that you invited God into?

- Write down one person or people group you forgave.

- How are you different because of this?

CIRCLE 4:

- How does Jesus want to invite you to use your ethnicity to bring healing to others? _____
- How does he want to affirm how he’s already used you?

- Whom has God put on your heart? Whom is God inviting you to love more deeply, interact with more intentionally, or share this Beyond Colorblind series? _____

ACTIVE RESPONSE**>>Continue to Work on Telling Your Ethnic Story This Week.**

Pick a friend (not in InterVarsity) with whom you will share what you’re learning as you reflect on your story this week.

>>Personal Journaling Assignment for the Week.

Take time this week to reflect on the following questions:

1. Who is the “person by the well” with whom I least want to interact?
2. What kind of fear, anxiety, bitterness, or unforgiveness do I need to repent of?
3. Who is the “Samaritan woman” I could never imagine myself having authority to reach?
4. How do you feel about blessing your own people? Have you felt rejected by your ethnic group?

Stretch Goal – Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly (Micah 6:8).

Which community on campus is on your heart? Practice solidarity. Serve in a practical way. Listen. Build bridges.