

NEXT CHURCH

Listening and Reflection Guide

Paul Roberts (Kansas City 2017)

Insights

Dr. Paul Roberts uses the first half of the sermon to connect access to water to the story in John 4. How did you hear this story of Jesus and the women at the well with new ears?

“This obsession with what is mine. This obsession with possession. Is going to be the downfall of us all.”

Where do you see this obsession in your own community?

How might you benefit from the obsession with possession? How might it harm you?

Wonderings

This sermon was preached in March of 2017. How does hearing it today impact the way you hear it?

Reread Langston Hughes' poem [Let America Be America Again](#). What resonates with you?

Action

Dr. Roberts' sermon calls his audience to action.

"We are in need of a massive redirect. A counternarrative, where the people of God not only change the subject but reframe the discussion..."

When the game needs changing, it's up to you and me...

And I started the time reminding you about the work of the people - liturgy is the work of the people. And so we dishonor the liturgy, we dishonor the basics of our reformed heritage when we are content to be passive. So now is not the time to be passive."

How are you called to be an active participant in what God is doing in the world?

What counternarratives need to be told? How might you tell them?

"We are here to mount a massive redirect - in our churches, in our cities, in our states, and in our country."

Where are the places you can mount a massive redirect? What step will you take this week in that redirection? Who can you partner with in this redirect?