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## **Open Arms: The Impact of an Unlocked Life** **– Pastor Mark Pope** **March 30 & 31, 2019**

1. Why do you think people are likely to stay closed off from others? What keeps you from reaching out to others?
2. When you receive a phone call from someone not in your contacts list, do you answer your phone? Why or why not?
3. Pastor Mark described the 7-11 “smiley dude” as engaging, kind, warm and welcoming. Who do you know like this?
4. Read John 4:5-40 In this story, Jesus modeled how we can live an unlocked life. Think about other times Jesus lived an unlocked life. Share examples.
5. When was the last time you initiated a relational moment with a stranger, similar to what Jesus did with the Samaritan woman (John 4)?
6. Pastor Mark shared the statement “we never know the impact of hospitality”. He then shared about Mr. Green, who should have “locked his doors when he came around”. Instead, he showed openness and love that affected Mark's life. Is there someone who's kindness toward you has had an eternal impact on your life? Would you be willing to share?
7. Pastor Mark also described the “ripple effect” of Mr. Green had on his life by saying without his kindness, “you could make an argument that none of us would be here today” if it weren't for some compassionate, kind, open, willing, servant-hearted guy named Mr. Green. In what ways does that statement inspire you to live an unlocked life?
8. Jesus said if we even offer a cup of cold water in His name, we will not lose our reward. That sounds like every day small kindnesses. Think about your daily life, is there someone you could show kindness to? What might that look like?
9. Pastor Mark offered some suggestions to unlock your life: being personally available, answering your phone, opening your home and being extra hospitable. What other ideas do you have?
10. Pastor Mark asked, “am I missing small opportunities that could open big doors?” What is your answer to the question?
11. Pastor Mark's main points in his talk were “an unlocked life.... opens doors to God's presence” and “brings rewards to the giver”. Be specific and give practical ways will you try to live an unlocked life this week.