



“Living Water”

John 4:1-26

Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 4:13-14

Getting on the Same Page

Today we see Jesus journeying with his disciples through Samaria, en route to Galilee. The Jews and Samaritans were longstanding enemies. But John tells us that Jesus ‘had to’ go through Samaria. He has a divine appointment with a woman there that he needs to keep.

Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at a well. She is drawing water at noon to avoid people. This woman has a tarnished reputation. She has had many failed relationships and is carrying a lot of shame.

During their conversation, Jesus reveals intimate details of this woman’s life, even though this is the first time they have ever met. The woman is taken aback by this and tries to shift the subject. But Jesus won’t let her. The Messiah has come to earth and is beginning to reveal his identity. And he has come through Samaria, to this well, just to talk with this woman.

Jesus shares with this woman that true worship of God ultimately has nothing to do with mountains or temples. God is revealing himself through Jesus, and all who believe in Jesus will

be part of God's eternal family. God will eventually send his Holy Spirit on all who believe in Jesus.

Jesus is the only one who can give us living water (eternal life). He is the only one who can offer us true meaning here and now. Notice what happens in this story; Jesus presents himself to the woman as thirsty. He doesn't have a bucket to draw any water. So, he asks the woman for a drink. In a deeper sense, Jesus became thirsty so our eternal thirst could be quenched.

Once the woman realizes all this, she runs into town; the very place she was avoiding because of her shame; and tells everyone she sees and knows about Jesus. She says, **"Come and see** a man that told me everything I ever did." That is an appropriate response to Jesus.

Discussion Questions

Getting Started

- Read John 4:1-26 What stands out to you in this passage?
- Discuss one of the best gifts you've ever received. What made this gift so special?

Study

- Respond: In a spiritual sense, all of us dig our own wells and try to satisfy our deepest thirst ourselves.
- Discuss all the barriers Jesus cuts through to speak with this woman. Respond: First and foremost, the Gospel is not about us coming to Jesus, but Jesus coming to us.
- Spiritually, describe the difference between the well water and living water Jesus is offering. Discuss how this living water is to be received as a gift.
- Respond: Jesus reveals all of our darkest secrets, sins, and shame, not to destroy us, but to heal us.
- Respond: When it comes to worshipping God, it's not about the 'where' but the 'who.'
- Respond: Jesus became thirsty so our thirsts could be eternally quenched.

Apply

- The best evangelism is to invite others to 'come and see' Jesus. This means to share with others who Jesus is and how your life is different because of Him. Discuss how you could do this in your family, at work, with your friendships, etc.

