

John 4:1-54

Tuesday Bible Study: Week 5



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1. Jesus chooses to travel through Samaria. What geographic, cultural, social, and religious boundaries does he cross in this story. What does this tell us about God's hope for us?
2. The conversation begins with Jesus saying, "Give me a drink." How would you characterize this request? Is it a demand, an invitation, or something else?
3. Jesus offers the woman "living water." When you think about your own life right now, what are you drawing from to quench your deepest thirst?
4. The woman initially misunderstands Jesus and stays at the surface level of the conversation. What connections do you see between the Samaritan woman and other characters in this Gospel who have misunderstood Jesus?
5. When Jesus brings up the woman's personal history, the tone of the conversation shifts. How do you think she felt in that moment? How did this revelation from Jesus change the conversation?

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6. The woman moves from seeing Jesus as a stranger, to a prophet, to possibly the Messiah. As you reread the passage, where do you see her understanding changing? How has your own understanding of Jesus grown or shifted over time?

7. After her encounter with Jesus, the woman leaves her water jar behind and goes to tell others. What might the detail about leaving the jar symbolize?
 - a. What have you had to leave behind—or might need to leave behind—to follow Christ more freely?

8. The Samaritans come to believe first because of her testimony, and then because of their own encounter with Jesus. Who has been a bridge to Christ in your life? How might your own story serve as a bridge for someone else?