

READINESS

PASSAGES

John 4:1-42

PREPARE (MC LEADER)

1. Before leading your group into studying the passage, take some time and follow these steps to better engage with the passage:
 - PRAY for insight, conviction, and personal application.
 - READ the passage in two different translations.
 - REFLECT on how the central principle of the passage affects you personally.
 - PLAN effective ways that your MC can discuss the meaning and application of the principles of the passage.

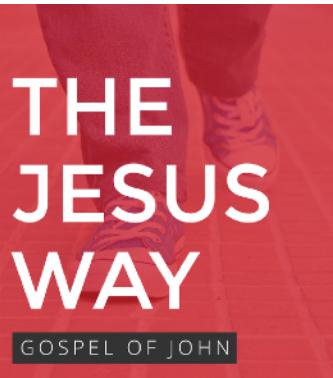
DISCUSS (GROUP)

1. Review the main principle from the central teaching.

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2. Open up for discussion, questions, or comments about the central teaching.
3. If applicable to your planned discussion time, consider using these discussion leading questions to help your MC engage with the main principle presented in the central teaching.
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 - Who is someone you can build a relationship with who is very different than you?
 - Think about an unbelieving friend. What questions might you intentionally ask to spur on conversation that would lead to getting to know them better?
4. Discuss action steps that might need to be taken as individuals and as an MC. Be as practical as possible and consider ways to both encourage each other (pray, text, call, etc) and also hold each other accountable to the actions steps (next week follow-up, etc).

PRESERATION SLIDES



PRINCIPLE 1

Living in the Jesus Way begins when we empty ourselves and live under the Father's authority, in His grace & truth, through the life of Jesus.

PRINCIPLE 2

Living the Jesus Way is marked by readiness: relational readiness for gospel impact, readiness to engage mission, and readiness to demonstrate the Father's grace.

John 4:1-9 | ¹ Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard that he was baptizing and making more disciples than John ² (though Jesus himself didn't baptize them—his disciples did). ³ So he left Judea and returned to Galilee. ⁴ **He had to go through Samaria on the way.** ⁵ Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; and **Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime.**

John 4:1-9 | ⁷ Soon a **Samaritan woman** came to draw water, and **Jesus** said to her, "Please give me a drink." ⁸ He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. ⁹ The woman was surprised, for **Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans**. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"



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John 4:10-12 | ¹⁰ Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and **I would give you living water.**" ¹¹ "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water?" ¹² And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?"

John 4:13-15 | ¹³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. ¹⁴ But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." ¹⁵ "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water."

Jesus moved the conversation from the seen to the unseen.

John 4:16-18 | ¹⁶ "Go and get your husband," Jesus told her. ¹⁷ "I don't have a husband," the woman replied. Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband—¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!"

Jesus used her personal experience to help expose need.

John 4:19-20 | ¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "you must be a prophet. ²⁰ So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?"

John 4:21-26 | ²¹ Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem... ²³ But the time is coming... when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth..." ²⁵ The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." ²⁶ Then Jesus told her, "I Am the Messiah!"

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John 4:27-30 | ²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, "What do you want with her?" or "Why are you talking to her?" ²⁸ The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" ³⁰ So the people came streaming from the village to see him.

John 4:31-34 | ³¹ Meanwhile, the disciples were urging Jesus, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But Jesus replied, "I have a kind of food you know nothing about." ³³ "Did someone bring him food while we were gone?" the disciples asked each other. ³⁴ Then Jesus explained: "My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work."

Jesus experienced genuine fulfillment from doing the will and work of the Father.

John 4:35-38 | ³⁵ You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. ³⁶ The *harvesters are paid good wages, and gathering fruit for eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike!* ³⁷ You know the saying, 'One plants and another harvests.' And it's true. ³⁸ I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest."

Jesus promised genuine fulfillment for anyone who does the will and mission of the Father.

John 4:39-42 | ³⁹ Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" ⁴⁰ When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, ⁴¹ long enough for many more to hear his message and believe. ⁴² Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world."

Jesus was always ready to engage His mission.

PRINCIPLE 3

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