

Central Church of Christ
POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
John



A PERIOD OF DISRUPTION
The Border of Race, Gender, Shame
John 4:1-26 || July 26, 2026

WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here!

We know visiting a church for the first time can feel intimidating.

Our goal is to help you feel at home and **point you to Jesus**.

Here's **what to expect** in our worship today:

We sing acappella (voices only), take the Lord's Supper, offer prayers, and listen to a message from the Bible. **You are welcome to participate with us as** much as you are comfortable.

After worship concludes, we offer **Bible classes for all ages**.

You're welcome to stay and join whichever class fits you best.

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KIDS

Before the sermon, **children ages 2-7** are invited to a special time called **Wee Worship**, where they can enjoy Bible stories, songs, and age-appropriate activities in a safe, welcoming environment.

July 26: To be like Jesus means a life of service to others.

Lesson Text: Mark 10:35-45

For those 8 years old and above, **complete the fill in blanks** in this handout and show the preacher or one of the elders for a special treat or TWO Bible Bucks to spend at Central Park.

SERVICE ORDER

July 26, 2026

Announcements

Call to Worship

As The Deer

Restore My Spirit Lord

Prayer

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Steve Griggs

Dean Baker

David Byerly

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Nestor Pozo

Ross Jordan

Prepare For Communion

Come Share The Lord

Communion Prayers

This Little Light of Mine

Children's Chat

Scripture Reading - John 4:1-10

Something, Beautiful

Sermon

There's A Fountain Free

Shepherd's Moment

Build Your Kingdom Here

John Cox

Josh Holloway

Aidan Smith

Aidan & Josh

Noah Robinson

Ross Jordan

Steve Griggs

Andrew Boone

Bob Lee

Andrew Boone

GREETERS

Lisa Evans, Hannah Kresser, Sam & Samantha Lewis

NURSERY

Stefany & Lexi Nelsen

WEE WORSHIP

Kate Brock, Liam Martinez, Jeff & Libby Brown

SERVE COMMUNION

Chris Akers, Richard Milburn, Scott Shepherd, Jeff Shepherd, Carter Pendley, Mark Stanley, Chris Smith, Danny Smith

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:1-10, NKJV

“Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. But He needed to go through Samaria. So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob’s well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”

The New King James Version. Thomas Nelson, 1982.



KEY WORDS

John 4:1-26

Needed (dei), v. 4. A word of necessity: it must happen. Geography did not require Jesus to pass through Samaria. Most Jews went around it. This necessity came from His mission, not the map.

Wearied (kopiaō), v. 6. To be worn out from labor. The Word who made all things sat down tired at a well. John lets us see how fully Jesus took on our humanity.

Gift (dōrea), v. 10. Something given freely, never earned or purchased. Jesus tells the woman that what God offers is a gift. The only thing she lacks is knowing who is speaking to her.

Living Water (hydōr zōn), v. 10. Fresh, flowing water from a spring, as opposed to still water in a cistern. The woman hears a comment about the well. Jesus is describing a life that flows straight from God.

Thirst (dipsaō), vv. 13-14. To be thirsty, to crave what is missing. Everyone who drinks from the well will thirst again. Jesus offers a satisfaction that does not wear off by evening.

Worship (proskyneō), vv. 20-24. To bow down and give honor to God. The woman asks about the right mountain. Jesus answers that the Father is seeking worshipers, not locations.

For more study materials, visit ccocdalton.org/john

THE BORDER OF RACE, GENDER, SHAME

John 4:1-10 || July 26, 2026

In the Gospel of John, we see Jesus, the Son of God and Savior of the world, crossing every border/barrier that sin erects between God and people. Today, we see Jesus cross deep social, cultural and personal boundaries to bring living water to a thirsty soul.

The Borders We Build

- Humanity sets up borders to _____ people.
- Human nature says “Us” vs. “_____.”
- Jesus was always moving _____ people everyone else was moving away from.
- The question: ‘Will I _____ Jesus across borders in the same manner as he did?’

The Setting || John 4:1-3

- Jesus walks directly _____ Samaria on purpose.
- Jesus had an _____ in Samaria.
- Jesus walks nearly 50 extra miles to save _____ desperate soul.

The Border of Race || John 4:4-9

- There is history of deep _____ here – stretching back _____ years.
- A divided and conquered kingdom (2 Kings 17:24-34, 41).
- Not simply prejudice, it was inherited and instructed _____.
- Jesus _____ to buy into the hatred and prejudice (4:4).
- Jesus’ itinerary was directed by the sovereign providential plan of God – this appointment was a divine _____.
- Jesus is fully God, fully human – and genuinely _____ (4:5-7).
- Jesus begins not with correction – but with _____ - a connection between 2 humans – one human asking another for help.
- Jesus shattered centuries of _____ between Jews & Samaritans (4:8-9).
- Humility and human _____ open doors that pride and prejudice never can.
- A _____ conversation can begin a life-changing relationship.
- Followers of Jesus must ask: ‘Who are my _____?’
- The Gospel must not stay _____ borders.

The Border of Gender || John 4:7-8. 27

- 1st century Jewish rabbis worked hard to _____ public contact with women.

- Jesus consistently crossed the prejudicial border of gender and _____ women.
- Jesus engages this ‘foreign woman’ in one of the deepest _____ conversations in the NT.
- Jesus viewed this woman as God’s _____ bearer.
- He inspires her to become one of the first and most successful gospel _____ in the NT.

The Border of Shame & Guilt || John 4:10-18

- She came to the well at noon – because her shame _____ her.
- This is a woman who has certainly been _____.
- She is hurting, carrying a water jar _____ of guilt and shame.
- Guilt says, ‘I have _____ something wrong’ – concerns _____.
- Shame says ‘I _____ something wrong’ – attacks _____.

What Jesus Offers || John 4:10-15

- _____ that mere religion cannot offer (6:35; 7:37-39).
- An _____ with the Messiah Christ (4:19-26).
- She is _____ God, but finds out God in Jesus has gone out of his way to seek and find her (4:23).

Progression of Faith || John 20:31

- From ‘a Jew’ – then ‘Sir’ – then ‘Prophet’ – then ‘Messiah’ – one _____ at a time.
- She came with an _____ water jar – she leaves that behind and walks into her new life _____ of hope.

Gospel Application

- Jesus _____ crosses borders today.
- Jesus knows _____ about us & that’s OK.
- Jesus-followers _____ follow Jesus across all kinds of borders.
- We must treat every person with _____.
- We must stop letting shame _____ us.
- We must become ‘_____ hanger-outers.’
- We must believe that no one is _____ God’s reach—and that grace can _____ witnesses.
- Living water _____ what nothing else can (7:37-38).

Come to the fountain free and drink deeply of Jesus’ living water. Discover the One who knows you completely also loves you completely, Let Him transform your story from hiding to hope.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Assembly Times

AM Worship

Sundays @ 9:30 AM

Sun Bible Classes

Immediately After Worship

Wed Night Meal

Will start back in September

Wed Bible Classes

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

Reoccurring Events

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday @ 10:30 AM

LIFE Groups

Various times & locations

(Visit our website)

Food & Clothing

Tues & Thurs 10 AM-12 PM

(Go to office area)



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