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**John 4:1-42**

**Message Title: Looking**

**Big Idea: We are all looking for something, but we all need to look to Jesus who is also looking for something.**

John 4:1 Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John **2** (though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), **3** He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. **4** But He needed to go through Samaria.

**II Kings 17: 33** They feared the Lord, yet served their own gods—according to the rituals of the nations from among whom they were carried away ...**41** So these nations feared the Lord, yet served their carved images; also their children and their children’s children have continued doing as their fathers did, even to this day.

**5** So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. **6** Now Jacob’s well was there. Jesus, therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

**7** A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” **8** For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. **9** 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.

### **1. Jesus looks for spiritual openings.**

**10** 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.”

**11** The woman said to Him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? **12** Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?”

### **2. Jesus looks for spiritual needs.**

**13** Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, **14** but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

**15** The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

**16** Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” **17** The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ **18** for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”

### **3. Jesus looks for spiritual brokenness.**

**19** The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. **20** Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” **21** Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. **22** You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.

**23** But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. **24** *God is Spirit*, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” **25** The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.” **26** Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am *He*.”

### **4. Jesus looks for true spiritual worship.**

**27** And at this *point* His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or “Why are You talking with her?”

**28** The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, **29** “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?”

**30** Then they went out of the city and came to Him. **31** In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” **32** But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” **33** Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him *anything* to eat?”

**34** Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. **35** Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! **36** And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. **37** For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ **38** I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.” **39** And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I ever did.” **40** So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. **41** And many more believed because of His own word. **42** Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

### **LIFE Group Guide:**

**Message Summary:** Jesus engages in conversation with a Samaritan woman living in sin asking about where to worship. Jesus reveals He is the Messiah who brings living water and God is looking for true worshippers. The woman, the city, and countless lives are transformed by this moment.

**General Timeline:** (Adjust as appropriate for your group's needs.)

5-10 minutes connecting personally with how everyone is doing.

45 minutes going over message with discussion questions and life applications.

5-10 minutes praying for each other

**Discussion Questions:**

Look over these questions before your group time. Write down your answers or ideas for at least a few questions if not all. You may not get to every question during your time but speak up if you want to talk about one of them in particular. Always try to start with question #1.

1. What stood out to you and/or what do you think God might be speaking about from this message?
2. How many husbands did the woman have? (John 4:18) What other worldly pursuits do we try to fill that leave us spiritually thirsty?
3. How might fear of losing control lead us to compromise in our faith even in subtle ways? (I Kings 12:28–30)
4. How do we try to 'add Jesus' to our lives for safety or convenience, rather than fully surrendering to Him? (II Kings 17:41)
5. Why do you think Jesus chose to reveal His identity so clearly to a broken Samaritan woman rather than to religious leaders or His disciples?
6. How can we worship God 'in spirit and truth' rather than just do religious rituals, go to special locations, or show outward performances?
7. How does realizing that God is actively looking for true worshipers change your perspective? John 4:23