



Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on October 8th, 2023 - Week 4

John 4:7-30 (NASB)

7 A woman of Samaria *came to draw water. Jesus *said to her, "Give Me a drink." 8 For His disciples had gone away to the city to buy food. 9 So the Samaritan woman *said to Him, "How is it that You, though You are a Jew, are asking me for a drink, though I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus replied to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." 11 She *said to Him, "Sir, You have no bucket and the well is deep; where then do You get this living water? 12 You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well and drank of it himself, and his sons and his cattle?" 13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again; 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never be thirsty; but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up to eternal life."

15 The woman *said to Him, "Sir, give me this water so that I will not be thirsty, nor come all the way here to draw water." 16 He *said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." 17 The woman answered and said to Him, "I have no husband." Jesus *said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this which you have said is true." 19 The woman *said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and yet you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one must worship." 21 Jesus *said to her, "Believe Me, woman, that a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. 23 But a time is coming, and even now has arrived, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. 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 (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." 26 Jesus *said to her, "I am He, the One speaking to you."

27 And at this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, "What are You seeking?" or, "Why are You speaking with her?" 28 So the woman left her waterpot and went into the city, and *said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is He?" 30 They left the city and were coming to Him.

John 4:39-42 (NASB)

39 Now from that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I have done." 40 So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. 41 Many more believed because of His word; 42 and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One truly is the Savior of the world."

DIGGING DEEPER

Have you had a conversation lately that was hard to understand or confusing? Tell us about it and why it was so.

Read John 4:7-12

Verse 4 is interesting because it tells us that Jesus “had” to go to Samaria. Have you had a similar experience? If you haven’t, what emotions would you be feeling if you did “have” to go somewhere for God (i.e. excited, nervous, etc.)?

What is the woman’s understanding of Jesus’ words up to this point?

Read John 4:13-19

What has changed in the woman’s understanding? Why does she now want this “living water”?

Read John 4:20-30

Why did it take Jesus so long to get around to telling her who he was?

The woman left her waterpot and went into the city. What does this say about the importance of what she just heard?

How can the message of Jesus continue to have this kind of effect on our lives today?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read John 4:39-42

How were the Samaritans coming to believe in Jesus?

Do today's verses prove or disprove how Jesus described the new birth in chapter 3?

Who or where is your Samaria?

TAKING IT HOME

PRAYER REQUEST

