



Lesson Title: The Woman at the Well

Scripture Focus: John 4:13–15

The Lesson in Context

While the Samaritan woman doubted her own worth, Jesus still offered her living water. Perhaps this woman was not worthy in her own eyes or in the eyes of others, but in the eyes of Jesus, she was a soul in need of the salvation He came to give. In fact, her salvation was so important to Jesus that for the first time in His earthly ministry, Jesus directly revealed He was indeed the prophesied Messiah. (See John 4:25–26.)

In a society that looks to divide and to ostracize those who do not fit within its molds, Jesus is calling His church to look for those whom society rejects and looks down upon. In fact, Jesus, reading from Isaiah 61:1–2, proclaimed His purpose was “to preach the gospel to the poor; . . . to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised” (Luke 4:18). This mission of our Savior now belongs to us. Regardless of socioeconomic status, race, gender, or age, we have been commissioned to reach every nation with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Group Discussion

1. How can we emulate Jesus' example of reaching out to those on the margins?
2. Why do you think the Samaritan woman recognized Jesus' spiritual language more quickly than Nicodemus did?
3. How can we avoid mistakenly disqualifying ourselves based on our own preconceptions about ourselves?
4. How can we avoid being focused more on physical desires than spiritual desires?
5. How can we ensure we are a welcoming church for people of all backgrounds?

My Prayer for the Upcoming Week

How do you want to be different because of what you have experienced today?
