LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

BEFORE & AFTER: HOW JESUS TRANSFORMS OUR LIVES

Sermon Text: John 4:3-30
Date: November 1, 2026

OVERVIEW

We all look to people, possessions, success, comfort, and other things of this world to satisfy the deepest longings of our hearts, but they will always leave us thirsty for more. Jesus graciously draws near to us in our sin and brokenness, offering the "living water" that only He can provide. Through faith in Christ, we receive forgiveness, reconciliation with God, and the presence of the Holy Spirit—transforming us from empty people searching for satisfaction into people who are satisfied in Him.

Related Scriptures: Jeremiah 2:13; Isaiah 55:1–3; Matthew 9:12–13; Romans 3:23; John 7:37–39; Revelation 22:17

1. What stood out to you from the sermon or passage?

Read: John 4:7–10

2. What does Jesus' willingness to draw near to this woman reveal about His character? How should experiencing that same grace change the way we view and engage people whose lives, backgrounds, or struggles are different from our own?

Read: John 4:13-18

3. We have a tendency to look to the things of this world to give us what only God can provide. What are some of the "wells" people commonly turn to for identity, security, love, or fulfillment? What are you tempted to look to for satisfaction that ultimately cannot bear the weight you place upon it?

4. Jesus knows the woman's entire story—including her sin and brokenness—yet He does not turn away from her. Instead, He lovingly exposes what she has been looking to for satisfaction and offers her something infinitely better. What does this teach us about biblical repentance? How does knowing that Jesus already knows us completely give us freedom to honestly confess our sin and bring our struggles to Him?

Read: John 4:23–24

5. Jesus moves the conversation away from simply where people worship to the kind of worshipers the Father seeks—those who worship "in spirit and truth." What does it mean for our worship to be shaped both by the Spirit of God and the truth of who God has revealed Himself to be? What can cause our worship to become more about ourselves than about God?

6. After encountering Jesus, the woman leaves her water jar behind and immediately goes to tell others, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" What does her response show us about the transforming power of encountering Jesus? How might remembering how Christ has met and satisfied our deepest need compel us to share Him with others?

