

JOHN

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

A SACRED WELL | JOHN 4

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WELCOME!

We're glad you joined us this morning. Social distancing doesn't have to mean social isolation. We are fortunate to live in an age where technology allows us to continue to gather as a church through online worship and teaching, social media, texts, and phone calls. We encourage you to reach out to the people in your life, to pray for them, and invite them to join us for church online Sunday mornings.

CONNECT / GET PRAYER

We would love to hear from you, and how we can be praying for you. Please complete an online [Connect Card/Prayer Request](#).

GET HELP / GIVE HELP

If you have a need, or you're in a position to provide a need, please complete [this form](#).

GET THE LATEST INFO

We've created a page on our website to be a central hub for information and resources for our church body during these times: summitview.net/coronavirus.

6' APART

Devotions from a distance! Our pastors will be posting encouraging videos during the week. You can watch them on our website, social media channels, or the app.

JOHN SERIES RESOURCES

Download the study guide, watch sermons, and get resources for this sermon series at summitview.net/john.

SV KIDS

Videos and lessons for kids will be emailed to parents on Sunday mornings. If you don't receive SV Kids emails, contact leann@summitview.net.

TRIBE & REFUGE

Our youth will meet via Zoom **Wednesdays at 7 pm** until further notice. If you haven't received an email with instructions from us, please email laura@summitview.net.

WAYS TO GIVE



By mail or electronic payment through your bank



[On our app](#)



[Online](#)

LAST WEEK	HP	WS	BG	TOTAL
Total Giving	\$23,126.00	\$10,395.69	\$3,149.81	\$36,671.50
Operational Need	27,600.00	8,000.00	6,000.00	41,600.00
Building Hope Need	20,275.00	9,500.00	--	29,775.00
Total Need	\$47,875.00	\$17,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$71,375.00
OVER/UNDER	-\$24,749.00	-\$7,104.31	-\$2,850.19	-\$34,703.50

CONNECT

There are a variety of ways you can connect with us. Check our website for the latest information about office hours, service times, and everything else you need to know during this time. Our staff is available to answer any questions you have. We are all praying for you.



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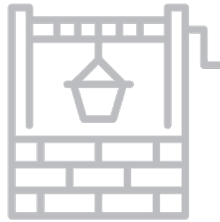
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STUDY GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

Jesus and His disciples have been traveling. Jesus, being exhausted from His travels, stops at a place called Jacob's Well in the middle of the day to replenish His tired and weary body. At this very same moment, Jesus encounters a woman who is tired, weary, and exhausted in a spiritual sense. It is within this interaction that Jesus is seen not only as a prophet, the Messiah, the Son of God, but ultimately as a life giver. The Samaritan woman got much more than she bargained for, as do we when we recognize Jesus for who He really is.



MAIN IDEA

Jesus came to quench our spiritual thirst.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

Q Who or what in your life (person, place, thing, etc.) do you consider to be most life-giving? What is it about it that makes you feel that way?

Q What makes certain commercials so appealing and persuasive? How do they target our innate urge to satisfy our desires?

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READ & DISCUSS JOHN 4:1-45

Q Read the background on Samaria. Based upon this brief bit of history, what does it say about the gospel when you consider Jesus was a Jew, but went into Samaria to bring about the forgiveness of sins?

Follow Up: Why is it good news that Jesus shared this bit of information with someone to whom His society would have considered an outsider? How does this challenge you in your faith?

Follow Up: If you peek ahead in the story, as a result of this interaction, those who were considered some of the furthest from God declared the truth about Jesus long before many of the Jews ever did (verse 42). How does this encourage your faith?

A Brief Background on Samaria

At the time of Jesus' life, Samaria was united with Judea under the Roman empire in a political sense. The tension between the two regions and people dates back to approximately 700 B.C.

When Samaria fell to the Assyrians, the territory was populated with foreigners who had begun to incorporate worship of the true God into their own pagan religion (II Kings 17:14-34). While most Jews were deported back to their homeland, some stayed and ended up marrying and having children with the Samaritans.

The Jews who had returned home viewed those who stayed in Samaria as political rebels and saw their descendants as half-breeds who were apostate to God and ultimately unclean. Due to this conflict, when Israel was able to rebuild the temple after the exile, Samaritans were not permitted to participate (Ezra 4:1-3). In response, they built their own temple on Mt. Gerizim.

This is the premise for part of the discussion between Jesus and the Samaritan woman (see verses 19-24). The tension between the Jews and Samaritans only continued to build. Thus, when Jesus entered Samaria and interacted with them, it spoke volumes to the expansive mission He had been sent on by God.

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Q All throughout Jesus' interaction with the woman at the well, He was attempting to get to the matters of the heart. But she quickly deflected His attempts to debate religious issues, theological questions, and church practices. Do you find yourself doing something similar to the Samaritan woman?

Q Take a moment to review the text and see what it tells us about the woman. Why would she be drawing water in the heat of the day?

Follow Up: Can you relate with her in any way (feeling or experiencing shame and/or rejection)?

Follow Up: How does Jesus' interaction with the woman encourage you?

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Q At the end of the conversation with the woman, Jesus made a claim about Himself and who He is. What exactly does He reveal about Himself to her? *See verses 25-26.*

Follow Up: Why is this significant?

Q What does the woman do after her experience with Jesus? *See verses 28-29 and 39-42.*

Follow Up: What should we take away from this interaction?

Q This interaction ends with Jesus resuming a teaching moment for His disciples. How can His discussion help us in our evangelism? *See verses 35-38.*

REFLECTION & PERSONAL APPLICATION

God continually invites His people to receive their sustenance for existence from Him. Yet, we unfortunately reach for things that we think are going to be just as satisfying, but end up tired, hungry, and thirsty. Read Isaiah 55:1 and Revelation 21:6. See if you can make any connection between these verses and what Jesus tells the woman of Samaria. *See John 4:13-15.* When is the last time you went to God and He gave you living water that satisfies?

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