

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Part 3 of Encounters

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Jesus revealed as the One who lovingly confronts what is hidden – initiating truth, exposing what keeps us bound, and inviting us into freedom and worship.

The Reality of Confrontation

1. Initiates (John 4:3–7)

- Jesus intentionally went through Samaria and began the conversation with the woman at the well. He took the first step toward someone others often avoided.

Discuss:

- *How has Jesus pursued you in seasons when you were distant or overlooked?*

2. Illuminates (John 4:10–14)

- Jesus revealed that what she truly needed was not temporary water, but living water that satisfies the soul.

Discuss:

- *Where in your life have you been trying to fill a deeper need with something temporary?*

3. Identifies (John 4:16–18)

- Jesus lovingly exposed the deeper reality of her life, not to shame her, but to bring healing through truth.

Discuss:

- *Is there any area of your life God may be bringing into the light right now?*

4. Instructs (John 4:19–24)

- Jesus redirected the conversation from religious debate to true worship, teaching that the Father seeks worshipers in spirit and truth.

Discuss:

- *What can distract people from genuine worship and relationship with God?*



5. Invites (John 4:25–26)

- Jesus revealed Himself as the Messiah and invited her to place her faith in Him.

Discuss:

- *How is Jesus inviting you to trust Him more deeply right now?*

The Response to Confrontation

1. Shifts (John 4:19–20)

- The woman's perspective began to change as she recognized there was something different about Jesus.

Discuss:

- *How can encountering truth change the way we see God and ourselves?*

2. Softens (John 4:25)

- Her heart became more open as the conversation continued, moving from defensiveness to expectation.

Discuss:

- *What helps your heart stay soft and responsive to His voice?*

3. Surrenders (John 4:28–29)

- The woman left her water jar, went into town, and shared her encounter with others. Her priorities changed because she had met Jesus.

Discuss:

- *What is one thing you may need to lay down in order to fully follow Jesus?*

