

Easter 2020

WEEK 1 - OVERCOMING YOUR THIRST

BIG IDEA:

All of us are longing for value, significance, worth, validation etc. Many of us are looking for a momentary fix. We are searching for an escape, but if we are honest, we haven't found it yet.

KEY VERSE:

John 4:6-18, "Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." ...the woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?" Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water." "Go and get your husband," Jesus told her. "I don't have a husband," the woman replied. Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Key Point #1: What are you searching for?

1. What are you searching for/thirsty for? Where do you think you are you going to find satisfaction for that thirst?
2. Do you really believe that God is completely available to you? What is holding you back from fully stepping into that relationship?

Key Point #2: Where are you going to find it?

3. Have you ever done something out of desperation that you later regretted? What was it that you were searching for/thirsting for that motivated you to do it? How has the Lord more fully/correctly met you in that particular area of thirst?

Key Point #3: Sin is searching for the right thing in the wrong places.

4. Do you believe you are unworthy of Jesus' attention? Do you tend to hide from Him? Why do you think that is?
5. Do you ever come to the Lord and tell Him your well, your situation, is too deep? Do you argue with the Lord and try to convince Him that if you could just have something more, something different, it will be enough?
6. In what areas of your life do you feel unsatisfied? What is keeping you from asking Jesus for a drink of water in this area?

MOVING FORWARD:

God sent Jesus to pay for what we have been searching for. He is enough. In Him is everything you will never need. On a cross, Jesus paid for everything we have searched this life to find. On the cross, He became thirsty, so we wouldn't have to be. As a group, discuss what are you searching for and to what are you turning to find it? Ask each other, how much of your heart does the Lord have? What step could you take this week to surrendering your heart more fully to the Lord?