

# Study Guide: John 4:1-42

Remember, this is all about digging deeper and applying what we learn to our everyday lives. Take your time with these questions, and let them lead you into a more meaningful relationship with Jesus.

## Reading

- **John 4:1-42:** This is the main story Pastor Boschen dove into on Sunday. It's all about Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. Grab your Bible or app and take a peek!
- **Psalm 34:8:** "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." This verse ties in beautifully with our theme.

## Warm Up

- **Personal Experience Connection:** Think about a time when you had to figure out what was inside a present just by shaking it or looking at the wrapping. Did you guess right? How did that moment of discovery feel?
- **Current Understanding Assessment:** When you hear "taste and see," what comes to mind? Is it a literal taste, or do you think there's more to it?

## Scripture Exploration

- **Text Examination:** After reading through John 4:1-42. What are your first impressions of Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman? Why do you think this interaction is so significant?
- **Context Understanding:** Back in the day, Jews and Samaritans weren't exactly best buds. How does this cultural backdrop make Jesus' conversation with her even more surprising?
- **Key Term Exploration:** "Living water" is a big deal here. What do you think Jesus means by this? How is it different from the regular water she came to draw?

## Personal Reflection

- **Principle Identification:** What does Jesus' approach to the Samaritan woman teach us about how we should interact with others, especially those who might be different from us?
- **Cross-Reference Connections:** Look at Psalm 34:8. How does the idea of "tasting and seeing" God's goodness play out in the story of the Samaritan woman?
- **Doctrinal Implications:** Jesus reveals deep truths to someone society overlooked. What does this say about who the Gospel is for?

### Personal Application

- **Individual Response:** Is there something in your life that's been keeping you from fully experiencing Jesus? What steps can you take to address that?
- **Community Impact:** Think about your community or friend group. Is there someone who might feel like an outsider? How can you extend a hand or an invite, just like Jesus did?
- **Action Planning:** This week, try to "taste and see" God's goodness in a new way. Maybe it's through prayer, worship, or serving others. What's one specific action you can take?
- **Sharing Your Story:** Who in your life needs to hear about Jesus? Sometimes our stories are the best way to share His love. Think about how you can naturally bring up your faith in a conversation this week.