

*Discussion Questions*

*“A Meeting at the Well”*

*John 4:1-30*

1. Verse 6 reads *Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well* . In what ways is it unexpected to think that Jesus might be exhausted and thirsty? From your own experience, how might this affect the tone of the conversation that follows with the woman coming for water?
2. How do ethnic/cultural differences between Jesus and the woman play into this conversation? In what ways is this conversation controversial?
3. The dialogue with the woman involves both a need for actual water and figurative “living” water. Why does Jesus use this metaphor? In what ways is this confusing? In what ways does it deepen our understanding of God and what he might want/have for us?
4. How do you feel about Jesus outing this woman’s questionable history? Does it strike you as surprising or even unkind? What do you think of her response?
5. Why do you think the conversation goes from needing water to where one worships?
6. What does it mean to worship God in Spirit and in Truth? Is it challenging or freeing to you?