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### Appetizer

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### Entree

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2. Jesus starts out His conversation with the Samaritan woman by asking for a drink, instead of starting by stating that He can quench her thirst forever. Why does He do this? How can we follow in His footsteps on this point?
3. Let's get personal: who are the Samaritans in your life; who are the people you want to avoid? Is it people who disagree with you? People of different faiths or ethnicities? People who've hurt you in the past? The poor? People who aren't safe?

### Dessert

Break into groups of 3-5 to discuss the following questions.

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