

Gospel According to John Small Group Guide:

Week 4

Beginning question: What's your favorite water movie?

*Take a moment to pray as a group and ask God for a believing and receptive heart and for God to show you himself more clearly through this study of John.

Read John 4

From this text: John 4:1-42

At each stage of this exchange, what do you think keeps the woman in the conversation?

What do we learn about Jesus' character and priorities through these expectation-defying interactions?

Reflect on what you have personally experienced with Jesus. Who might need to hear your story? How might you share it with them?

John 4:43-54

What steps can you distinguish in this royal official's journey to belief?

What does this second sign reveal about Jesus?

Are there ways you can see Jesus performing signs in your friends' lives? Ask God for opportunities to walk with your friends toward interpreting those signs.

Take some time to pray for one another and optionally close with the **John 4 prayer**.

Prayer:

God of Truth and Mercy, Your Son manifested a wonderful fullness of all Your divine attributes even during the days of His humiliation. He knew what was in every heart. He had great mercy upon the weak. He pronounced the truth of new life boldly and with great compassion. We want the living water that can only come from You. You know the truth of both our sin and Your eternal plan. We must worship in Your Son, for He is the new Temple. We must worship in Him, for we are called to worship in Spirit and in Truth. He is the only Messiah. Will You save the unworthy? We know that You will. There is hope for us. The harvest is plentiful. Send forth workers for the preaching of the gospel. Help us each to do the part that You have for us, that Your body might testify to the truth and live in love. Your Son had great mercy upon the weak. By His Word we shall live forever. There is power in His voice. One day He will call forth the dead from their graves, and there will be a glorious resurrection.