Life Group Guide | September 19

"Making More Followers"

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OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the humbling opportunity to make disciples. May we bear witness to our own personal encounters with Jesus by sharing them with the people in our everyday lives. Help us to continually set our hearts on Christ so that we may "always be prepared to give an answer to everyone" for the hope we have in Jesus. In your Son's name we pray. Amen.

CONNECTING QUESTION

Have you ever been a witness to a significant newsworthy event? Did you tell the people in your life about it? How do you feel about this experience?

SCRIPTURE READING

Read Aloud & Meditate on God's Word: John 4:4-26, 28-30, 39-42

EXPLORE THE TEXT

- 1. Read John 4:4-26. How would you describe the woman's response during most of the conversation? Can you relate? Why or why not?
- 2. Read verses 16-18. Why is it important that Jesus directs the conversation to focus on the woman's personal life?
- 3. Read verse 19. Why do you think the woman changed the conversation to focus on the religious differences of that time? What does Jesus' response teach you about his character?
- 4. What aspect of Jesus' conversation could you use as a model for your own discussions with the people in your life who may be searching for "living water"?
- 5. Jesus calls to us to make disciples, and that starts with the people in our personal lives. How can the story of the Samaritan woman help us overcome obstacles that exist with the people we regularly interact with?
- 6. Where are some places in your life where you're constantly "thirsting"? How has Jesus satisfied you? Do you find it easy to share these experiences with those in your personal life?

FOLLOWING JESUS

Ask Jesus to work in the lives of those you know personally. Be open to the ways God would use your own testimony to lead others to the Truth.

SCRIPTURE FOR EXTRA STUDY

1 Peter 3:15, 1 Corinthians 3:6-9

LIFE GROUP OPTIONAL PRAYER TIME - HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

CLOSING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ask God to help you grow in your faith as a disciple of Jesus. In turn, ask that he would provide opportunities to make disciples as you interact with the people in your life. Pray that He would remove any obstacles, including fear and doubt, and prepare your heart to bear witness to the grace and mercy of Jesus in your life.

Our Father...