

SECOND DAY: Read John 4:4-13

1. Read John 4:4-6. Observe the background of Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. Record one or two of your observations.

Advanced Students: Who were the Samaritans? Why was there such hatred between the Samaritans and the Jews?

2. Most Jews would travel miles out of the way to avoid going through Samaria because of the deep hostility between the Samaritans and the Jews. Notice, however that Jesus declared that *He must needs go through Samaria* (John 4:4). John 4:6b records that it was about the *sixth hour* (noon) when an unusual thing happened. Read John 4:7-9 and briefly recount what took place.

- a. Although it was against their custom for a Jewish man to speak to any woman in public, Jesus initiated a conversation with her, a Samaritan woman with a bad reputation (verse 18). What does this reveal about Jesus and His heart for the individual?

3. Read John 4:10-14. What did Jesus say to this woman to arouse her interest? verse 10

- a. What does the woman's response in verses 11,12 reveal about her?

Advanced Students: Why did the Samaritans consider Jacob their father?

- b. Consider the powerful declaration and warning of verse 13 for us today. Pastor Chuck says, *This verse should be written above every worldly ambition*. Print John 4:13b here. Selah — pause and think about this.

- c. What did Jesus mean by His offer of *living water*? Use John 4:14 and John 7:(37)38,39a to help you with your answer.

- d. Jesus' gift of *living water* satisfies spiritual thirst forever! Briefly share how you have experienced this.

4. According to John 4:15 how did the Samaritan woman respond?
 - a. We don't know how much she understood, but she was interested and seemed to be making progress toward spiritual awareness. Notice how patient Jesus was with her, allowing her to ask questions and to think and weigh His Words. How is this an example for you in sharing the gospel with others?

THIRD DAY: Read John 4:16-24

1. One of the most penetrating conversations recorded in the Bible occurs between Jesus and this woman in John 4:16-24. In verses 16-18 Jesus pinpoints this woman's spiritual condition. First, He gave her an unexpected instruction. What was it? verse 16
 - a. What was her response? verse 17a
 - b. What do verses 17b, 18 reveal Jesus knew about her?
 - (1.) How might this have been an attempt to fill her emptiness?
2. The woman must have been shocked that this Man knew all about her life of sin. What was her reaction to this? John 4:19
3. Read John 4:20-24. Notice that the woman was focused on where to worship; Jesus was more concerned about how to worship. Read verses 23,24 again. Print in all caps the repeated phrase that declares how we are to worship.
 - a. Ponder the following powerful statements and write what they mean to you:
 - (1.) *for the Father seeketh such to worship Him*
 - (2.) *they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth*

FOURTH DAY: Read John 4:25-30

1. Read John 4:25-29 to observe the glorious transformation of the woman at the well. According to John 4:25 what did she believe?
 - a. Let your mind and heart absorb the truth of Jesus' declaration in John 4:26 as you write it here. Selah.

(1.) Share your response to this.

Challenge: The Samaritans understood that the Messiah was to come. What part might Deuteronomy 18:15 have had in this?

2. From John 4:28,29 consider the actions of the woman as you complete the following:
 - a. *The woman then*
 - b. *And went her way*
 - c. *And saith to the men,*
3. How does this woman's response reveal that her life was transformed?
 - a. How is she an example for you?
 - b. According to John 4:30 how did the men in the city receive her witness?
4. This story demonstrates Jesus' willingness to break through barriers of culture, race and religion to rescue someone. What effect does this have on you today?

*There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man
that can only be filled by Jesus Christ.*

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FIFTH DAY: Read John 4:39-42

1. Although her testimony was simple, the Samaritan woman gave witness to what Jesus had done and declared *is not this the Christ*. Read the following verses and record the result of her telling others about Jesus:
 - a. John 4:39

 - b. John 4:40

 - c. John 4:41

2. Read the following John 4:42 NKJV, *Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."* Underline or highlight their confession of faith.
 - a. What do you see in verse 42a that is necessary to receive salvation?

3. Some Bible expositors think that Jesus' declaration in John 4:35 *Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest* suggests Jesus spoke these words while looking at the multitudes coming from Sychar to see Him because of the woman's testimony. Think about your life and witness for Jesus Christ. Close today's lesson by writing a prayer asking the Lord to open your eyes to see the fields around you that are ripe for harvest.

SIXTH DAY: Review

1. How would you describe the woman at the well:
 - a. before her encounter with Jesus

 - b. after she met Jesus

2. Briefly share a blessing, insight or challenge you received from your study this week.

3. Record something you learned through your lesson about:
 - a. *living water*
 - b. *worship*
 - c. *Jesus*

4. Which verse from this week's lesson meant the most to you?
 - a. Tell why.

5. What have you learned from the woman at the well that you can apply to your life?

*Like the woman at the well
I was seeking for things that cannot satisfy.
Then I heard my Savior speaking,
"Draw from the well that never shall run dry."
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