

SAMARITAN WOMAN: *Don't let your past rule your future.*
John 4:19-26

Community Groups Homework

Getting Started

When you are in church, what distracts you from really connecting with God? What helps you make the connection?

Going Deeper - Read John 4:4-26

1. The Bible says that Jesus “had” to go through Samaria. Most Jews avoided traveling through Samaria; what does this reveal about Jesus?
2. When Jesus sat down at Jacob’s well it was high noon. Why do you suppose the woman was there in the heat of the day and not earlier when other women traditionally went to draw water?
3. What risk did Jesus take in addressing this woman without his disciples nearby? What risk did the Samaritan woman take in speaking to Jesus?
4. What risks do we fail to take when we see unfamiliar people at church?
5. What did Jesus ask for? Why did He ask? What was her response to such a request?
6. In verse 10 Jesus turns the conversation to God and eternal things by using the term “living water.” What was Jesus talking about?

7. Did the woman initially understand the spiritual implications of Jesus' offer of living water? What lesson can we learn from this about what people who are outside the church understand about God? What difference should this make in how we treat them?

8. What things raised the woman's curiosity in verses 11-12?

9. What did Jesus offer the Samaritan woman in verses 13-14?

Growing Stronger

1. Describe some of the things people "thirst for" in this world that keep them from finding "living water."

2. What craving was it the Samaritan woman kept pursuing that left her spiritually thirsty and dissatisfied?

3. Jesus surprised her when He told her about her past five husbands. What was her reaction?

4. When God uncovers your sins, are you shocked? Thankful? Shameful? Relieved?

5. Why is honesty with God essential for true worship? What happens to our worship experience when we try to hide our sins from God? See Psalm 66:18

6. She believed Jesus was a prophet. What did she eventually discover about Jesus' true identity? See 4:25-26

Getting Together

Pray audibly for one another's family needs realizing that this is part of being in fellowship with God and one another.