

Growth Group Discussion Guide

Week of February 4

Drink Deeply

Our Scripture: John 4:1-42

Ice Breaker

The Samaritan woman probably lugged water from that well everyday. We see Jesus humanity in that he was weary and rested by the well. What is the hardest work you've ever had to do? What work most wearies you?

Quick review

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Covenant of Presence

Digging Deeper

1. Jesus violated his religion in many ways. Which offenses are in these verses?

John 4:7

John 4:27

John 4:16-18

John 4:19-20

2. It was forbidden that Jews interact with Samaritans. Read Matthew 10:5-6. How do we explain Jesus' regard for Samaritans in Matthew vs John?

3. Open your Bibles to read Psalm 42:1-8. Underline verses 1, 2, 7 and 8. How do they remind you of our story today?

Media Mix – Thrive

Watch and listen to this worship song. Individually write down at least three themes that you think represent what God is teaching us today. After the song share your thoughts with the group.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQ71RWJhS_M

Bringing It Home

1. Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans. With which of these people groups do you have limited or no dealings? How would you compare encounters with these people, groups or situations to that of Jesus with the woman at the well?

- African Americans
- People who speak little or no English
- Muslims
- Private encounters with men or women
- People with a criminal record

2. Read John 4:28. What was the result of this encounter with Jesus.

- Who do you think of who is weary and has a load you'd like to lighten?
- Describe an everyday setting and act of kindness that you could share with this person, inspired by the difference God is making in your life?
- How does such an action relate to the samaritan woman becoming the first evangelist of John's Gospel?

Prayer Time

Option 1. What are some burdens you wish God would lift in people's lives today? Make a list on a board, easel or paper everyone can see.

Which if any of these burdens are you familiar with personally?

Option 2. The Daily Text and DQT

Housekeeping

1. Welcome everyone to week three of Winter Growth Groups. Remind them that at this point anyone can opt out of the group guilt free. Next week you will do a group covenant for the remainder of this 8-week series.
2. In two weeks (the week of February 18th (we begin our Adam Hamilton Lent series John; the gospel of light and life. Let Greg know if you need any support in using this resource.