



## Study + Discussion Sheets

[For the Week of August 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>]

"Jesus + The Samaritan Woman"

Dig deeper into Sunday's message with our study + discussion questions based on John 4:1-42 and the August 9, 2015 sermon, **Jesus + The Samaritan Woman** which is Part 10 of our *Encountering Jesus* teaching series...

### READ JOHN 4:1-42

1. Compare and contrast Nicodemus in John 3 to the Samaritan woman in John 4. What is their ethnic group? What factors played into them choosing the time of day to be where Jesus was? What was water symbolic of in their conversation with Jesus (John 3:5; 4:14)? Where they religious? What is their social status in their community? How did the encounter with Jesus impact their life?
2. Why did Jesus journey into Samaria (vv. 1-3)?
3. What do you suppose the disciples may have said about going through Samaria to get to Galilee? Why?
4. In the Old Testament some women's husbands were identified through an unsuspecting trip to a well — Rebekah to Isaac (Genesis 24); Rachel to Jacob (Genesis 29); Zipporah to Moses (Exodus 2). How does Jesus' conversation with the woman at the well relate to her own marital status? Why does Jesus bring up the woman's past relationships and current adulterous relationship (vv. 16-18)?
5. Why did Jesus reveal so clearly to the woman at the well about being Christ (vv. 25-26) but was more veiled about his identity during his conversation with Nicodemus?
6. What is significant about Jesus choosing this woman as the first person to whom he revealed his messiahship?
7. What was the woman's response to this conversation (vv. 29-30)? What was her impact on the community (vv. 39-42)? How would you describe her approach to the gospel with her fellow Samaritans? What can we learn from her?
8. What was the woman at the well really thirsting for? How would you compare your own thirst before you knew Christ to the woman at the well? In what way did Jesus reach out to you back then?

### ASSIGNMENT FOR THE WEEK:

Are you reluctant to talk about Christ with some people? Think about someone with whom you have little in common, or someone who you find difficult. Would they be surprised if you initiated a conversation with them? What needs might you discover if you took the time to get to know them? Pray for boldness to seek out the genuine needs of those around you and for the Holy Spirit to empower you to share Christ with those who may not be like you.

### NOTES:

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