



**October 4, 2015 | John 4**

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**Discuss:** [Q] Have you been able to BLESS someone from the overflow of God's grace and mercy to you? If so, how? Please share. (**BLESS:** Begin to Pray. Listen. Eat. Serve. Share your Story.)

John has a way of teaching us who He is and what faith looks like, by giving us a glimpse into Jesus' encounters with various people -- John the Baptist, the disciples, Nicodemus, and surprisingly, an outcast Samaritan woman.

**Read John 4:1-26.**

[Q] What is surprising about Jesus question to the Samaritan woman in verses 7, 8 and 9?

[Q] From verses 7-15, list everything that Jesus told the woman about the water that He gives.

[Q] How is God described in Psalm 36:7-9 and Jeremiah 2:13; 17:13? In what ways do we try to dig our own *cisterns*? What is the problem with that?

[Q] How does Jesus describe the gift of the Holy Spirit in John 7:37-39?

It's the presence of God's Spirit in your life that takes away your frustrated soul-thirst forever and turns you into a person who overflows with life for others instead of sucking up other people's life like sandy soil. —Pastor John Piper

[Q] Are you drinking deeply at the right well?

[Q] Our culture likes to say that faith is about sincerity, that it doesn't matter what we believe. Every belief is as valid as the next one. How do Jesus' words about worship argue against that perspective (John 4:20-24)?

[Q] Jesus makes an amazing declaration of His identity in John 4:26. Why do you think He speaks so openly here?

[Q] What can we learn from this conversation about sharing Jesus with others?

**Read John 4:27-42. (Read verses 34-39 in The Message version, if possible.)**

[Q] What was the woman's testimony about Jesus (John 4:28-29, 39-42)? How did the other people who heard her respond?

[Q] What do you learn from 4:31-38 about doing God's work and about sharing with others about Jesus? What are some ways that you can "sow" into another person's life? Think beyond sharing the gospel.

**Read John 4:43-54.**

[Q] How did Jesus heal the official's son? What is John communicating to us about the power of Jesus' words?

[Q] How does the official's faith response challenge you?

[Q] In this chapter, we have seen Jesus' humanity, intentionality, graciousness, seeking/pursuing, teaching, revealing, life-giving, healing, challenging and more. What aspect of Jesus do you find most appealing today? Why?

**Pray** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Take it further:** What do you learn about living water in Revelation 7:17; 21:6, 22:1, 17? Check out what happened later in Samaria in Acts 8!