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Discussion Questions: John 4:1-26

Traveling through Samaria by divine necessity, Jesus crossed ethnic, religious, social, and moral barriers to meet a broken woman at Jacob's well, exposing her futile search for satisfaction in the empty wells of this world while offering her the gift of living water that leads to eternal life. As the conversation unfolds, Jesus reveals her sin with grace, redirects her from external religion to true worship in spirit and truth, and declares Himself to be the promised Messiah. The passage teaches that every person is spiritually thirsty, every worldly well ultimately leaves us longing for more, and only Christ can provide the lasting satisfaction, forgiveness, and relationship with God for which we were created.

1. Have you ever pursued something you thought would make you happy, only to discover it didn't satisfy the way you expected? What did you learn from that experience?

Observation

2. Why did Jesus choose to travel through Samaria, and what does the phrase "He needed to go through Samaria" reveal about His mission? (John 4:4)

3. What barriers did Jesus cross by speaking with the Samaritan woman, and what does this teach us about the heart of the gospel? (John 4:7–10)

4. According to Jesus, what is the "gift of God," and why is it significant that salvation is described as a gift rather than something that can be earned? (John 4:10)

5. Jesus contrasts the water from Jacob's well with the living water He offers. What differences does He highlight between the two? (John 4:13–14)

Interpretation

6. Why do you think Jesus exposed the woman's personal life before discussing true worship? What does this reveal about the relationship between conviction, repentance, and grace? (John 4:16–18)

7. The woman asked Jesus about the proper place to worship. How did Jesus redirect her focus, and what does it mean to worship the Father "in spirit and truth"? (John 4:20–24)

8. Jesus intentionally met one rejected Samaritan woman instead of avoiding Samaria like many Jews did. What does this teach us about God's pursuit of sinners and His heart for those who feel overlooked or unworthy?

9. Your sermon describes "everything in this life as a well." What are some of the "wells" people commonly drink from today, and why do they always leave us thirsty again?

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10. Jesus revealed Himself as the Messiah to a Samaritan woman before many religious leaders in Israel. Why do you think John records this remarkable moment, and what does it reveal about God's grace?

Application

11. Which "well" do you find yourself most tempted to draw from for satisfaction—success, possessions, pleasure, relationships, religion, or something else? Why?

12. How can we distinguish between enjoying God's good gifts and expecting those gifts to provide the satisfaction that only Christ can give?

13. Are there any barriers—cultural, social, personal, or spiritual—that keep you from sharing the gospel with certain people? How does Jesus' example challenge those barriers?

14. Jesus met the Samaritan woman in the ordinary routine of her daily life. How does that encourage you to look for opportunities to share Christ in your own everyday interactions?

15. If you had to summarize the main message of John 4:1–26 in one sentence, what would it be? How does this passage encourage you to drink daily from the living water that only Jesus provides?

Closing Challenge: This week ask the Lord to reveal where you may be looking for fulfillment apart from Christ, and intentionally turn to Him each day through His Word and prayer. Remember, the living water Jesus gives becomes "a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).