

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

*Our Mission: Reaching Out to Leaders Who Can Change the World.*

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## *John: Jesus is the Christ*

### **Lesson #6: Living Water**

- Do you think that the culture is the *friend* or *enemy* of the gospel? Explain.

#### **OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION.**

*Note: Jesus was only in Sychar 2 days and performed no miracles other than this remarkable conversation. The Samaritans and Jews had countless social barriers. "The Jewish desire for a pure and loyal people of God, particularly after the return from the Babylonian exile, led Ezra to develop a segregation policy that excluded Samaritans and others of mixed backgrounds."<sup>1</sup> The time is noon and the disciples had gone to buy food after their long morning walk. Since most women don't come to draw water at noon she was probably trying to avoid people.*

#### **Read John 4:1-42**

1. What is unusual about Jesus talking to this person? How does He give value to the "questionable" half-breed Samaritan woman, the "wife" of a common laborer?
2. Her view of Jesus changed during the conversation. How is this reflected in the titles she gives Jesus? Vv, 9, 11, 19, 25, 29
3. How did Jesus demonstrate his divinity to her?
4. What was this woman *really* thirsty for?
5. Do you think her question in v. 20 was real or a "smoke screen" to throw Jesus off track?
6. How did Jesus bring the conversation back to a personal decision of the heart (faith)?
7. Does this imply that someone has to right all the wrongs in their life before they come to a saving knowledge of Christ? Is this a "formula"? Explain.
8. Why do you think He was more open to her about His identity than He was to Nicodemus?
9. What did she do when she "put all the pieces in place"? How does this imply that she is now a "believer"?
10. What was the impact of her coming to faith? v. 41
11. How does this reception of Jesus' message compare to the one in Jerusalem? Ch 3
12. What does this teach us about Jesus? (Ability to overcome social barriers, etc.)

#### **APPLICATION**

- What can you do to overcome the barriers that exist in your sphere of influence?
- What are you really thirsting for? What changes need to be made in your spiritual life? How can Jesus help?

**"Randy Windham knew God wanted someone to share the gospel with people who sport tattoos, ride motorcycles and hang out in "biker" bars. He just didn't know it was him. Davis felt concern for his non-Christian friends when his girlfriend was murdered. So many turned out for a benefit event for her children that they raised \$17,000. He thought, "Look at all these bikers and my drunken buddies. They need to be saved." A few months after he started a Bible study in a tattoo parlor, seven people, some of whom were in the shop for tattoos, made professions of faith. He calls his ministry, "Have Bible will travel."**

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<sup>1</sup> Borchert, G. L. (1996). *John 1-11* (Vol. 25A, p. 200). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.