



Conversations
with Jesus

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

"Two Thirsty People at Jacob's Well"

John 4:1-42

SERMON NOTES

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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Read *John 4:1-6*. Why did John mention the Pharisees' interest in the relationship between the baptisms of John and Jesus' followers (see *John 3:22* and note especially *John 3:25-30*)? How did John the Baptist settle the matter?
- 2) Read *John 4:7-26*. From this story, discuss the things that the Gospel of John shares about this Samaritan woman. What was her life like? How was this woman trying to quench her thirst? Do you suppose she was lonely? Isolated? Does this sound like people today? Compare the needs of people today.
- 3) Discuss the way Jesus approached her and how He drew her out. Note His use of personal request. What can you learn from this?
- 4) What is the significance of the water theme? What kinds of water does Jesus talk about and why? How did He use familiar things to bridge into spiritual needs?
- 5) How does Jesus tactfully reveal her sin and what did He reveal to her about His Unique Identity?
- 6) Read *John 4:27-38*. Was this also a teaching moment for the Disciples concerning the reason Jesus came to earth? How did they respond? What are you doing with this truth in your own life among non-Christians?
- 7) Read *John 4:39-42*. How did she change in her speech towards Jesus from beginning to the moment of her conversion? What was her evangelistic method after learning about Jesus as Messiah?

FOR YOUR FAMILY - We are on Week #10 of Children's Catechism.
Please teach your children question 18.

- 1) Memorize *John 4:14* – "*But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.*"
- 2) Read *John 4:1-42*. Talk with your family about how Jesus approached the woman at the well and how He built a bridge with her. Discuss why it's important to speak the truth in love with people who are hurting.
- 3) Discuss how the woman changed from the beginning of the conversation to the moment of her conversion. Talk with each other about how she wanted to share the good news of Jesus with others.