

Life & Death (Pt. 3)
The Collision that Changes Everything
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LifeGroup and Personal Study Questions

- Our primary text this week comes from the Gospel of John (Jn 4:5-42). In this passage of text, we receive the narrative of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman. Carefully, read the passages again. This time, with pen and paper, write down every question that comes to your mind and/or other points that may catch your attention.
- From your list of questions or "attention grabbers" cross reference the list with any similarities that may exist with your life experiences and highlights those questions/points.

Example: Perhaps you have been ostracized in some way as had the Samaritan woman (verse 9). This event may have brought memories to the surface and you identified with the emotions of the woman at the well. If you have found similarities with any of this narrative from your own life, sit quietly for a moment considering that experience; then, ask God what His perspective was of that moment. Now listen to what God the Holy Spirit might speak to you through this reflection. Follow the same process through your list. You may want to journal or write down any thoughts or prayers that may emerge from this exercise.

- The Samaritan woman had a very clear picture of the god she worshiped, she also had a very clear picture of the god she thought the Jews worshiped. Jesus corrected both of her misconceptions and described a very different God to her. Can you describe your God? List His attributes and characteristics, His nature, and some of the ways you've experienced from Him firsthand in your life. Try your best not to regurgitate theological terms and/or lists from discipleship manuals and systematic theology resources. Use **your** words, your experiences, and your imagination for this exercise.
- Consider your reflections to this point (the previous exercises), in what ways might your ideas or experiences depict wrong assumptions about God? Can you identify any **collisions with Jesus**? What are they? Is God revealing Himself in truth to correct any wrong assumptions you may have of Him? Can you verify the right assumptions in Scripture? Can you defend your assumptions with Scripture? (Please list references).
- Do you assume God makes offers to you that are "too good to be true?" Do you believe God is a forgiver of your past mistakes? Have you forgiven yourself and/or others of things God has forgiven? If yes, do you still allow them to have hold over you in any way? If no, what keeps you from granting yourself or others forgiveness? Answer in detail.