

Filled, Forgiven, and Free

RELATE

- What from Rob's sermon most encouraged you?
- When you are really thirsty, what quenches your thirst the best?
- How do people satisfy their hungers and thirsts in life?

John 4:1-42; John 7:37-39

Read the passage above aloud. Describe the nature of the conversations Jesus has with the woman and with the disciples. What observations and questions do you have? What is Jesus seeking to accomplish for the woman, the village, and the disciples?

Jesus promised that those who drink the water he gives will be forever satisfied. What does Jesus mean by the phrase "living water"? What does this mean to you? What "thirsts" has Jesus satisfied for you? How have you experienced God's power overflowing in you?

READ & REFLECT

Jesus offered to satisfy the Samaritan woman's thirst forever with "living water." What do you think she really wanted? How is it significant that Jesus made this promise before bringing up her messy marital history? Why did he approach her in that order?

What does it mean to you to realize that God knows the worst about you, but does not define you by the worst that you have done and fills you with His Holy Spirit? How can this impact our relationships with others?

What was the Samaritan woman's testimony about Jesus? Why do you think her testimony had such a great impact on the townspeople? What is significant about Jesus choosing this woman as the first person to whom he revealed himself (v. 39-42)? Who has been impacted by your testimony of what Jesus has done for you? Who could be?

In verse 34, Jesus tells the disciples about the "food" that satisfies him. Can this be true for us? How does doing God's will bring freedom and satisfaction? Share a time you have experienced this.

RESPOND

Are you currently "overflowing" or "thirsting" right now? What caused you to "overflow" and how does it affect your responses to challenging circumstances? If you are thirsting, what do you need to do to relieve your spiritual thirst?

Promise to Believe: Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them. John 7:38