

# Small Groups and Home Study

Week of July 25th, 2021



## Opening Prayer

### Focus on the Scripture: John 4:1-25

1. Read from more than one translation of the Bible.
2. Are there any notable differences between these translations?
3. If any, name the main people, locations, events, things that are mentioned in the reading.
4. What comes before or after this reading? Do you see a connection?

## Questions for Group Discussion

1. Why are Jesus and his disciples in Samaria?
2. Jesus stops for water because he is thirsty. Isn't Jesus God? Why is he thirsty?
3. The Samaritan woman is at the well too. Is she there because she is ashamed of her life? Is she there because she needs water? What does the Scripture tell us? What does it not say? (Remember, Jesus is also at the well, do we apply the same assumptions towards him?)
4. What does Jesus ask of the woman? What is her response?
5. Jesus offers her something greater than water. What does he offer the woman?
6. Verses 16-19 have been used to show that the woman is living an immoral life. Look at the footnotes/commentary in your Bibles. How does it view the woman? Is there evidence in the Scripture that she is a "whore?"<sup>1</sup>
7. IF, she was a serial adulterer, why would so many men marry her knowing that? IF, she was a serial divorcer, why would so many men marry her knowing that? IF, she was immoral as preachers and commentaries have claimed, why doesn't Jesus make

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<sup>1</sup> John Piper,  
<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/god-seeks-people-to-worship-him-in-spirit-and-truth>



this the focus of the conversation and offer her forgiveness. IF, she is what church tradition has said she is, why doesn't her community seem to know it?

8. What is Living Water?
9. What does the woman do following the conversation with Jesus? Why does she leave her jar behind? How do the disciples respond? What does the community ask of Jesus? What is Jesus' response?