



Growth Groups: Week 1 (9/17-21)

Confession: What do you need to confess? (Here are some questions to help you examine ways you might not be believing the Gospel).

- Where do you run for comfort?
- Whose approval are you seeking?
- Are you struggling with purity or lust?

Learning: What are you learning?

- What are you reading in the Bible?
- What did you learn about God? What did you learn about the Gospel?
- How is consistency?

Accountability: How can your Growth Group hold you accountable this week?

- This ties in with the confession questions. This is a practical way to walk together to identify sin and pursue sanctification together.
- How can your Growth Group help point each other to the Gospel daily? Come up with practical ways to follow through.
 - For example: Having a hard time being consistent with reading the Bible? Create a group text to check in.

Prayer & Praise: How can we pray for you? What are you praising God for?

Scripture Memory: John 4:13-14 – “Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 4 - I Am

One day, Moses was herding sheep in the land of Midian, and one of his sheep went missing. As he went into the mountains looking for the sheep, he found a bush on fire that wouldn't burn up. There in the fire, the Lord God of

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob met Moses. When Moses asked God to identify Himself, God said, “I am that I am...Tell them ‘I AM’ sent you.” This name—Yahweh in Hebrew—was the personal name by which God would be known among His people.

Over 1,400 years later, the Messiah arrived in Israel to a people who were looking for the great I AM to come and rescue them from captivity once again. It is in this context that Jesus speaks the words, “I AM.” These declarations of Jesus are the announcement that, in Him, Yahweh has come to dwell with—and deliver—His people.

Read John 4:1-45 together.

Discuss on the text:

- How does Jesus draw the woman to discover who He is?
- What does Jesus say about “living water” (4:10, 13-14)?
- When Jesus reveals the woman's sin, she tries to change the subject back to “religion” and the dispute between Jews and Samaritans (4:19-20). However, how is Jesus' view of worship different from hers (4:21-24)?
- What do you think it means to worship “in Spirit and in truth”?
- What did the disciples learn (about Jesus, themselves, their mission) from the encounter with the Samaritan woman (4:31-38)?

Application:

- What difference does it make to you personally that Jesus is the Savior of the world?
- Who are the Samaritans in your world – the people with whom you have nothing to do?
- When Jesus confronts you with your sin, how do you respond? Do you change the subject? How should you respond?