

# I AM HE

## *Salvation – John 4:1-26*

(Lesson 1 – I AM – Discovering Who Jesus Is – Lifeguide Bible Study)

**GROUP DISCUSSION** How do you respond when someone speaks to you unexpectedly? Share a story if you have one.

**PERSONAL REFLECTION** What kind of person are you reluctant or afraid to speak to? What factors make you hesitant?

Jesus made some amazing claims about himself—and often to the most unexpected people! In John 4 Jesus reveals himself as the source of eternal life to a woman no one else would talk to. Read John 4:1–26.

**1.** The Jewish people of Jesus' day despised the Samaritans (and the Samaritans returned the favor). Trying to think from that cultural background, how would you feel upon hearing that Jesus had decided to go through Samaria rather than taking the longer, but more acceptable, way around the territory?

**2.** What barriers is Jesus willing to overcome in order to have a conversation with the Samaritan woman?

**3.** What barriers hinder Christians today from engaging others in conversation about Jesus?

**4.** What does Jesus mean when he offers her “living water” (vv. 10, 13–14)?

What does the woman think Jesus means (vv. 11–12, 15)?

**5.** Why does Jesus bring up the woman's past marriages and present adulterous relationship (vv. 16–18)?

6. Why do you think the woman makes the comments in verses 19–20?

How does Jesus respond (vv. 21–24)?

7. What does it mean to worship God “in spirit and in truth” (vv. 23–24)?

8. In verses 25 and 26 Jesus clearly claims to be the Messiah, the deliverer God had promised to send. Imagine the look on the woman’s face when she hears his words. Do you think she is surprised or skeptical, and why?

9. What does Jesus’ offer of living water mean in your life and spiritual experience?

Identify any fears or prejudices that may keep you from talking to other people about Jesus. Ask God to give you the courage to overcome those barriers.

### **Now or Later**

What would Jesus talk with you about if you had a quiet lunch together? In a journal or the space here, formulate two or three issues that you think Jesus might want to address.

How would you respond—by changing the subject or by receiving his grace? Prayerfully talk over those issues with Jesus. Listen for his response.