

A new series beginning Easter weekend

COMING UP EMPTY

FINDING ALL THE

WRONG ANSWERS

IN ALL THE

WRONG PLACES

COMING UP EMPTY - WEEK 5

Community Group Study: How Can You Ask Me for a Drink?
John 4:1-42 | week of April 24

GETTING STARTED

What kinds of things/experiences/situations lead you to rejoice?

CONTEXT

Think back to the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus. What was the main idea?

Compare and contrast Nicodemus and the woman at the well. What do they have in common?

Read John 4:1-42

OBSERVATION

What in this story would have seemed strange, unconventional, or just plain wrong to people living in Jesus' time and culture?

What misunderstandings arise between Jesus and this woman?

What does Jesus say this living water will do inside the woman?

MEANING

Given what we read in the passage, at the deepest possible level, what is the woman's problem?

What truths is Jesus affirming in verses 21-24? With what questions might these truths leave the woman?

What an amazing declaration in 4:26 – Jesus gives no other open declaration of his identity until his trial. Why do you think Jesus speaks so openly here?

Why is the issue of worship – both where and how God is worshipped – such a significant part of this encounter? How is the woman's heart issue truly a matter of worship?

APPLICATION

What “empty wells” – heart idolatries – do we see the woman at the well drinking from? What “empty wells” are you inclined to drink from?

How does the good news of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus truly satisfy those longings within you?

The way the passage ends is worth pondering deeply. Here is a woman who, a matter of an hour or so before, had been completely trapped in idolatry. Now she is the first evangelist to the Samaritan people. Before any of Jesus’ own followers, she is sharing the good news. How have encounters with Jesus transformed you in unexpected ways?

NEXT STEPS ...

Meditate upon and pray through Psalm 63. Ask God to form in your heart the kind of deep longing for God that David expresses here.

Pray that God will provide an opportunity for you to share about the way the gospel alone is sufficient to satisfy the longings of your heart with a struggling believer or non-believer this week.

