

Community Group Discussion Guide
 Week 8 – Living Water
 John 4:1-18

June 9, 2013

Read John 4:1-18 and then answer the following questions.

Introduction

The Gospel of John provides the most comprehensive and penetrating answer to the central question of history... Who is Jesus Christ?

The answer to this question, as I see it, isn't a flat, one dimensional answer. There are many dimensions to who Jesus is. It's in understanding each one that we understand who he is, and what this means for us.

Questions for Study

1. Think back to a time in your life when you were 'over the top' physically thirsty? For example, it might have been on a construction job in the middle of one of the hottest days of the year. (If you're in a Community Group, share your experience with your fellow group members.)
2. Where do you think most people in America are looking for happiness? How would you say it's working for most people?
3. Digging into this week's scripture, why did Jesus decide to leave Judea and go back to Galilee? Why do you think he did this?
4. What route did he take to Galilee? Why might this have been unusual for a Jewish person to do? What do you think the religious leaders would have done if they made the same trip from Judea to Galilee? Why do you say this? (This will take a bit of digging into Jewish history. Here's a clue... Read 2 Kings 17)
5. What did Jesus do at Sychar that would have created a lot of angst for Israel's religious leaders? Why would this be so upsetting for them? What do we learn about Jesus and his love for people?
6. By doing what he did, what does Jesus show you and me that he'll do for us? And what does he show us that we should do for the worst of sinners?
7. Write down what you'd say are the most significant words in verse 10. What other verses of scripture come to mind that easily connect to this statement?
8. Why does the following quote from Blaise Pascal fit so well with what Jesus said to this woman about water?
There's a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every person, and it can never be filled by any created thing. It can only be filled by God, made known through Jesus Christ.
9. How does what God said to Israel through the prophet Jeremiah in Jeremiah 2:11-13 say the same thing Jesus said to this woman?
10. How can you use this passage of scripture in sharing your faith in Christ with another person?