

How do most people seek to satisfy deep thirst for meaning and purpose in their lives?

How would you describe 'Living Water' to someone?

What does it look like in your own life?

Who are the 'Samaritan Women' in our local community?

How can we 'overflow' Living Water to those around us?

Finish by praying for each other. Pray that we would all experience the joy and refreshment of the Living Water. Pray for each other, that we would overflow this 'water' to those that God leads us to each day.



A Light in the Darkness

The Gospel of John

Growth Group Study Guide

Week 4

5 March 2023

“Living Water”

John 4: 1-26

Series Overview:

In this ten week series, we will look at a Gospel book that is quite different to the other three Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). John wrote this book much later than the other writers, and used a different technique and style. We will reflect on passages and stories that are unique to this Gospel, and seek to capture the passion and desire of the author. John primarily wrote this letter so that the readers would believe in Christ, who he describes as a Light in the Darkness. May the Light of Christ shine into our lives as we spend time in this book, and help us to believe in the One who came to bring life in all of its abundance.

Read John 4:1-26

What do you know about Samaritans and their relationship with Jews at this time? What about the place of women in society during Jesus' time? Why is it important to understand this? Discuss.

How is the humanity and the humility of Jesus expressed in John 4:4-7? How does this help us understand Jesus?

Note that this interaction occurred at midday. Why do you think that the woman was at the well in the most uncomfortable time of the day?

Jesus asks the woman for a drink. How does the woman respond to Jesus' request (v. 9)? What does Jesus now say to her (v. 10)?

When Jesus informs the woman that He can give her water that will forever quench her thirst (v. 14), what is her response (v. 15)?

What does Jesus now tell her to do (v.16)? Why do you think He gives her this directive (v. 17-18)?

How does the woman seek to steer the conversation away from her personal life and sinful lifestyle (v. 19-20)? Are her efforts successful (v. 21-26)?

After this encounter with the Messiah, what does the woman now do? See John 4:28-29