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Bible Study:



Read John 4:1-42 and meditate on the fact that like the Samaritan woman, everyone has a Spiritual thirst that is stronger than our natural thirst; we have a deep desire for what is purely good and true and beautiful that the world will never be able to quench. Jesus clearly helps this woman understand that only God can satisfy that thirst, and his water is NOT a stagnant pool; it is a **spring of water welling up to eternal life!**

The gospel in the story:



The gospel message in this story is explicit. Jesus came to be the Savior of the world. He came to satisfy the thirst we have to be rescued and restored from the ravages of sin. Like the Samaritan woman, all have sinned, but God's love and grace is extended to ANYONE who repents of their sin and puts their faith in Jesus. He came, not just for the Jews, not just for the rich or the privileged, but he came for ALL People. Jesus' powerful interaction with this marginalized woman and the people of her town demonstrates that God does not just receive hopeless sinners; he **pursues** them to bring them into His Light!

Application

Head: Q&A key points:

Q: Where did this story take place?

A: Samaria.

Q: Why was it strange that Jesus talked to the woman?

A: Jesus was a Jew, and the woman was a Samaritan (and Jews did NOT like Samaritans).

Q: Why did the Samaritan woman think Jesus was the Messiah?

A: Because he first gave a sign (knowing all about her life), and then told her that he was the Messiah.

Q: Why did the town people believe that Jesus was the Messiah?

A: At first, because of the woman's witness, then because they spent time with Him themselves.

Heart: Memory Verse:

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Hands: How does this affect the way we live?

Discuss ways Jesus confronted the sin and ignorance in the woman's life, but did not condemn the woman. How does this provide comfort and peace in your life?

Share what you think Jesus meant when He said, "Those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth."

Home: How does this affect our household?

The Samaritan woman experienced several failed marriages. Consider how worshiping God in Spirit and Truth can be a wellspring of water that nourishes a healthy household.

Heaven: How does this help us our faith?

The woman was quick to share with her friends and neighbors. Discuss opportunities in your life to do the same.