

Life of Christ Series
John 4:1-42 – The Woman at the Well

The Samaritan Woman represents humanity. As she talks with Jesus, it is apparent that she is interested in what will satisfy her own physical needs or desires. Jesus uses their conversation to reveal her true need – the need for living water. There are several principles that we can learn from this story in the Bible:

- 1. Jesus is no respecter of persons – vs. 7-9**
- 2. Jesus offers Himself as the answer to her needs-vs. 10-14**
- 3. Jesus knows everything about us – vs. 16-18**
- 4. Jesus teaches the woman about true worship – vs. 19-24**
- 5. Jesus explains that doing God’s will brings joy – vs. 34-38**

Small Group Questions:

- 1. What significance does this story have in light of the Jew’s relationship with the Samaritan people?*
- 2. What might be some of the lessons that Jesus was trying to teach His disciples through this event?*
- 3. Discuss the many creative ways that Jesus used His conversation with this woman. I.e. How did Jesus arouse the woman’s curiosity concerning spiritual truth? What are some things He used in the conversation that exposed her to truth? What can this teach us as we share Jesus with others?*
- 4. How does Jesus’ response to the woman differ from most churches today?*
- 5. Discuss what true worship is according to Jesus.*
- 6. What is it that brings great joy to a disciple of Christ?*