



## Passage: John 4

<sup>1</sup>Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John <sup>2</sup>(although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), <sup>3</sup>he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. <sup>4</sup>And he had to pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup>So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup>A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

## Background

As we continue our series, "Nice to Meet You," Pastor David will walk through the longest single conversation Jesus had with an individual in all the New Testament – the Samaritan woman at the well. Last week we were challenged to remember how we should always be prepared to give a reason for the hope we have in Jesus no matter our current circumstances. Today, we will be challenged to replicate the intentional nature of Jesus as we see the way He initiates an encounter to create a spiritual conversation that leads to incredible city-wide life change.

## Service Notes

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**What is your biggest takeaway from today's message?**

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Instructions

*This discussion guide is to help you facilitate a conversation with your small group. The “Getting Started” section serves as a quick opener and introduction to the group conversation. In the “Talk it Over” section, feel free to use all or only some of the questions. Again, our hope is to have meaningful and encouraging conversations around the passage used in the sermon, not simply answer all the questions. Give each member of your group opportunity to respond. Take your time. Finally, the “Live it Out” section is to help identify a specific next step. Use these questions as a guide to find practical ways to apply the passage to our everyday life.*

### Getting Started

- ▼ What do you believe God is teaching you through this passage right now? How can you put into practice what He is teaching you? What is one thought from the message that made you hopeful? What prompted questions? How can we pray for you this week?

### Talk it Over

- ▼ What part of this encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman stands out the most to you? In what ways was Jesus intentional throughout the story? How did Jesus navigate social and religious ‘boundaries’ in this story? What encourages you the most from Jesus’ approach to the woman at the well?
- ▼ Why is it crucial for us to build relationships through conversation with others? In what ways has God given you chances to share the Gospel through simple conversations with others over time? What can we learn from the way Jesus guided the conversation?
- ▼ **Read John 4:27-45.** How did the woman respond immediately to Jesus’ final revelation? What was the difference between the disciples’ reaction and the woman’s reaction to this encounter? What can this teach us? What does her comment to the people in town teach us about her encounter with Jesus? What does the townspeople’s reaction show us about her encounter (and their encounter) with Jesus? What is the most important lesson of the story to apply to your own life today?

### Live it Out

- ▼ What aspect of the S.H.A.R.E acronym could be the greatest benefit as you engage others this week?

