

LIVING WATER

Living Water - Week 6

Message Discussion Questions

Introduction:

This week Matt is concluding a new series called 'Living Water'. What happens when you are very thirsty? Have you ever been so thirsty that you would give anything for a drink of water? Water = life, but after you quench your thirst you will be thirsty again later. In this series we will be looking at the familiar stories & how we can find what we need to really provide for what our souls are thirsty for.

In Part 6 Matt will review this story from John 4 and help us to see the reality of who Jesus is by how He interacted with this woman and her town. We'll see how her life changed after her encounter with Jesus provided her with Living Water.

Questions:

1. Why is it important to understand why the woman is 'hiding & ashamed'? Who was she hiding from in the middle of the day, what had she learned about people? What was she looking for when she encountered Jesus? John 4:5-10
2. How could the 'who' sitting across from the woman change things regarding her past & her future? What did He offer her that she couldn't get anywhere else? John 4:10-15
3. What does it mean that 'grace holds no redemptive power without truth'? Why is truth so important to understanding the power of grace? John 4:16-18

4. Why do you think the conversation with the woman about where to worship is included in the text? What had changed regarding the 'where' to worship? Why is it so important to worship in spirit & truth? Why is it 'not about a location, it's about relationship'? John 4:19-24; Mark 1:15
5. What is the 'Doctrine of Atonement' & how does that relate to worshipping in 'spirit & truth'? Why would you be 'not your own', how were you 'bought back'? How can you glorify God with your body? What is worship, and how does truth relate to worship? What truth did Jesus drop on her? John 4:24-26; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 John 3:18
6. How do we know that the woman was changed by her interaction with Jesus, what is the truth for her life? Why do you think the Samaritans reacted as they did to her testimony? What was immediately different in this woman's life? John 4:28-30; 39-42
7. Have you ever experienced that kind of change in your life? Even if you have, as a Christian is it possible that you are still running to the wrong well(s) over & over again? Where are you running to find satisfaction? Isn't it time for you to worship in spirit & truth?

Key Takeaway: *Is it possible that you are still running to the wrong well, if you find yourself constantly thirsty isn't it time to let Him sit on the throne of your life and provide you with Living Water so you will never thirst again? Is Jesus liar, lunatic or Lord?*

Summary:

- Hiding because she's ashamed of her relationships
- The 'Who' is important, the One who can change things
- You can't have grace without truth
- It's not about location, it's about relationship
- Doctrine of atonement, not your own you were bought at a price
- The woman's testimony changed everything
- Are you still running to the wrong well?