

REFLECTION

Questions

JOHN 4:7-15

- Jesus deliberately crosses cultural, racial, and gender barriers to speak with this Samaritan woman. Where in your own life do you see Jesus wanting to cross similar barriers to reach someone (including you)?
- The woman comes to the well at noon, the hottest part of the day, likely to avoid others. What “noon-time” places in your life (habits, shame, isolation) might Jesus be approaching right now?
- Jesus offers “living water” that becomes “a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” How does this contrast with the “cisterns” or temporary satisfactions people usually draw from (success, relationships, substances, approval, etc.)?
- Jesus tells the woman, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that says to you, ‘Give me a drink...’” What would change in your life if you truly knew both the gift of God and who Jesus really is?
- The woman’s response moves from skepticism (“You have nothing to draw with”) to curiosity and eventually thirst. Where are you on that journey right now with Jesus?
- Jesus knows everything about the woman’s broken story (five husbands, current situation) yet still offers her living water without condemnation. How does this affect the way you view your own hidden or shameful parts?
- Jesus says the water He gives will satisfy so deeply that we won’t keep running back to the same empty wells. What “thirsty” area of your life do you sense Jesus inviting you to surrender to Him this week?
- The woman leaves her water jar behind. What might you need to leave behind in order to go and tell others about Jesus?
- How does the promise of “living water” change the way you face ongoing struggles, dryness, or spiritual fatigue?
- Who in your world is spiritually thirsty right now? How can you (like Jesus) start a simple conversation that might lead them to the Living Water?