

Jesus, the Living Water

John 4

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John's Purpose:

To present stories and messages which demonstrate authentic evidence that Jesus is the Messiah.

Chapter 1 – Meeting Jesus – the Word, Creator, Lamb of God

Chapter 2 – Jesus' Miracle of Turning Water into Wine

Chapter 3 – Nicodemus, a Jewish ruler, meets Jesus

Chapter 4 – A Samaritan woman discovers the Messiah

The story: John 4:1-26

Water facts: an occasion to think about our need for Living Water

Summary: A request for water turns into the offer of Living Water

1. The Source of Living Water – God's Love in Christ
2. The Supply of Living Water – God's Truth in Christ
 - a. Four gospel essentials
 - b. Five common thirsts

PTC Value: Evangelism --*We want to grow in our ability to reach out effectively with the Gospel to all people of our community.* This reflects Jesus' main purpose – in which He also invites us to join Him.

3. The Satisfaction of Living Water – Faith in Christ
 - a. The necessity of true worship – God's revelation
 - b. The nature of true worship – in spirit and in truth
 - c. The heart of true worship – recognizing the Messiah

Conclusion

1. Is your thirst being satisfied by Christ, the Living Water?
2. How does this discovery affect your main purpose in life?

Sermon-based Small Group Discussion Questions

1. After beginning with prayer, share your observations about the uniqueness and wonder of John's Gospel.
2. Read John 4:1-26 together. What impresses you especially about this story?
3. What do we learn from this story about Jesus' setting aside common prejudice to care for people? Talk a little about prejudice tendencies we tend to have.
4. Take some time to discuss Jesus' model of evangelism in this story. Comment on the process of how a simple request becomes an occasion for spiritual transformation. Share with one another how you have used ordinary conversations to talk about Jesus or lead someone to faith in Christ.
5. Comment on the matter of passion for evangelism from this passage. How could Jesus' model be a catalyst for more personal evangelism here in Three Hills? What challenges have you experienced in seeking to do personal evangelism?
6. Comment a little on how Jesus is Living Water in your experience. How has faith in Him assuaged your emotional or other kinds of thirsts?

Pray that God will help you and others at PTC develop a greater passion to both experience Christ as the Living Water, and then to share the Water of Life with people in our own community and the world.