

John 4 – The Samaritan Woman Encounters Jesus

Jesus sought out the most unexpected person.

Do we need to go to a certain place to worship God?

Can our religious pursuit of doing worship the “right” way actually lead us to miss the One we’re meant to encounter?

Wrestling with current controversies can keep us from seeing what’s right in front of us.

Doing God’s will can satisfy us like nothing else on earth!

The absolutely amazing power of a life transformed from the inside out... As God transforms us he will use our story to transform our community!

Read John 3:1-21 & 4:4-42.

Take some time and write down what you observe about Nicodemus and the Samaritan Woman from the passages. (I’ll get ya started...)

Nicodemus	Samaritan Woman
<i>A Man (3:1)</i>	<i>A Woman (4:7)</i>
<i>A Jew (3:1)</i>	<i>A Samaritan (4:7)</i>
<i>Came to Jesus at night (3:2)</i>	<i>It was noon time (4:6)</i>

From what you’ve observed, what is the one thing that both the Jewish leader and the Samaritan woman have in common?

John chapter three makes it clear that no one can be so good that they don’t need a savior, while chapter four makes it clear that you can never be so bad that you’re beyond the hope of salvation!

Read John 3:16-17 and consider both this man and woman’s story... write down thoughts that come to mind.

Read Isaiah 55.

We all thirst... Who can come to the Lord? (v. 1)

What do we usually run after in life? (v.2)

What will happen if we come and listen? (v.3)

Why do you think God's ways can seem so foreign to us? (v.8-9)

How do you think it may help us when we learn that we don't just naturally think or act as God does?

Write down any other thoughts you have about Isaiah 55.

Read John 7:37-39.

Jesus stands and shouts an invitation... who is it for?

Who is the source of living water?

John (the author) explains what Jesus was meaning... what does this passage mean for you today?