



Northland Christian Church Group Discussion Guide For the Week of January 9, 2022

Use the questions below as a springboard for discussion. You do not have to answer every question. Pick the ones you think will be helpful. These are intended to help spark discussion. Remember, Ultimately we want God's answers, not man's opinions. Always land where God lands. (ex: Where do we see that in the Bible?) Give grace. Give time for growth. Don't force it. Growth takes time, love, good questions, & support.

Connect

- What is your biggest goal for this new year? What adjustments would need to happen to reach that goal?
- If you could go back and live your life over again, what would you spend more time pursuing?

The Context

Today, we are going to pick back up in the book of John. Chapter 4 continues to give us an understanding that Jesus has come into our world so that all might believe and have eternal life. This offer is for everyone regardless of who they are, where they come from, or what their past has been. We will see this through the conversation of Jesus with a Samaritan woman at a well.

Engage the Bible

Read the passage and share Surprises, Takeaways, and Observations from:

John 4:1-15 NIV

"Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John-- 2 although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. 3 So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. 4 Now he had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. 7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." 11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" 13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

Discuss

1. John tells his readers that Jesus "had to pass through Samaria." Did Jesus really have to go through Samaria?
2. Dave shared this weekend that: *When God re-routes our plans, it's for a divine purpose.* How have you experienced this?
3. How have you tried to find meaning and purpose apart from Jesus? What kinds of things did you pursue in order satisfy the longing of your soul? Was the result really satisfying?

4. When you look around at our world, what kinds of things do you see people pursuing in order to fill their lives with meaning and purpose? Do any of these things really satisfy?
5. Read verses 6-7 again, What is significant about the fact that this woman was drawing water from the well at noon?
6. How many times had this woman been married? What does Jesus reveal about her current living situation? What does this indicate about the woman's desire to find love and acceptance?
7. Have you known people who are considered social outcasts, like this woman? What is your initial response to people like this? What was Jesus' reaction to this woman?
8. In verse 10, what does Jesus reveal about himself, and what does he offer to the woman? Does she fully understand what Jesus is offering to her? What is Jesus offering?
9. What does Jesus say about the living water that is different than the water this woman is used to drinking? (Verses 13-14)
10. What are some results of the living water that Jesus offers? (Verse 14) How have you experienced this?
11. How is the conversation with the woman at the well similar to the conversation with Nicodemus? (John 3:1-15) What does this teach us about sharing Jesus?

Challenge

Think of some ways that you tend to go to "wells" for satisfaction instead of to Jesus. Dave shared some of them with us in the weekend message.

- The Well of Attention
- The Well of Feelings
- The Well of Success
- The Well of Health
- The Well of Coping
- The Well of Relationships
- The Well of Sin
- The Well of _____

Which ones do you struggle with? Discuss this with a trusted fellow follower of Jesus and help each other figure out how to take some good steps toward the Lord.

End Your Group Time in Prayer