



DISCUSSION GUIDE NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

In our story Jesus befriends a woman who was very different from him. Thinking back to your childhood, did you have many opportunities to be around people who weren't like you? How have those opportunities (or lack thereof) affected you?

Dig Deep

Read Scripture: John 4:13-26

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."¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." ¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

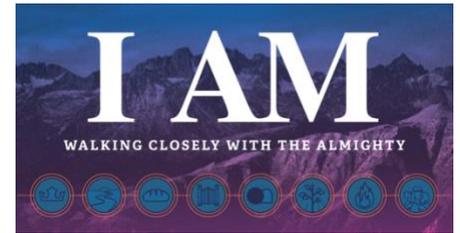
¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹ "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

- Of these three descriptors, unfulfilled, unclean, and uncertain, which one propelled you to begin seeking God more seriously?
- Jacob's Well ultimately would never satisfy her thirst. What does Jacob's Well symbolize in your life? What does it symbolize in the life of your city?
- In what ways does the Holy Spirit bring fulfillment in life, cleansing from sin, and certainty about God?
- By asking her to get her husband, Jesus was getting too close for comfort. Why did Jesus refuse a superficial conversation and instead initiate an awkward one? How does this inform disciple-making for us today?



LEADERS

Read John 4

Key Thoughts

After this encounter many Samaritans believed in the woman's testimony before they got the chance to meet Jesus. The story of our experience with Jesus can be used to help others have faith in an experience they may get to have.

Do Big

A walk with God includes a walk to Samaria, a place Jews typically avoided. Where is God calling you to that seems risky, scary, or out of the social norm? What does your first, small step look like?