

**Title: Worship, the Word, and the Work of God // Scripture:** John 3:22-4:54

**ARRIVAL / SOCIAL TIME** 15-20 minutes

Spend the first 15 minutes or so of your time together catching up and socializing with one another. Also find time to catch up together on how the assignments from last week turned out.

**SERMON REVIEW** 5-10 minutes

Throughout the Bible, we see wells as places where brides are found. Although Jesus's conversation with the Samaritan woman happens at a well, it also has impact for His bride, the church. Jesus bridged that gap of cultural segregation and engaged in conversation with the Samaritan woman. He offered her living water (His Spirit) that would satisfy everything she ever needed. She believed His words and told her whole village about the life she found in Him. Because of His words, many more became believers. In 4:43-54 Jesus heals the royal official's son. This father's faith in the words of Jesus brought healing and life to his son.

**THE MAIN THOUGHT** *keep this in mind as you facilitate discussion*

Because of Jesus's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and restored. The gift of living water is life. In response to that gift, we worship and participate in the work of making disciples.

**SEE IT – Questions** 10-15 minutes

**Picture:**

Why is it important for us to gather as a church? What do John the Baptist and John the apostle (and Jon Stallsmith!) agree on? Why is the well significant? What does the water of the well represent? What does God seek? What is the work of God?

**Mirror:**

What has God called you to do, and how are you using that to point people to Jesus? As the church, how does Jesus's conversation with the Samaritan woman affect us/me?

**Window:**

What is impressive to you about Jesus's example of crossing over cultural barriers to engage with the Samaritan woman?

**BE IT – Practice**

**Change UP // Exercise** 15 minutes

Where have you been trying to find answers, solutions or direction apart from Jesus? Spend some time right now praying and asking God to show you. As the Father reminds you of those places of shame, fear and hopelessness, confess those to Him and ask Him to show grace and bring new, living water with His Spirit. Read Psalm 46 as a group, taking time to remind yourselves of who God is and of what He has done.

**Change IN // Group Activity** 5 minutes

Last week Jon taught us about simple trust, which leads to simple obedience, the result of which is His abundant grace. Get with one or two other people and talk about a small act of faith you made this week and how you saw God "run with it."

**Change OUT // Life Application Assignment** 5 minutes

In 4:34-38, Jesus calls us to reap where He has already been at work. Where is He working around you (in your sphere of influence)? This week, press in to those places where you see God at work. Remember that His living water is in you, and His words can be trusted to bring healing and life.

**CLOSING PRAYER** 5 minutes

Take a few minutes to gather any prayer requests and pray for each other to SEE IT and BE IT this week.