

THAT YOU MAY KNOW

Living Water
John 4:1-15
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Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."
- John 4:10

I. A DIVINE APPOINTMENT

- News of Jesus' popularity sends him away from the area. He is not looking for fame (Vs. 3; Matt. 14:13; John 7:1-7).
- It seems likely that Jesus did not "have to" pass through Samaria. He chose to. There was a woman there that he needed to meet (Vs. 4).
- Jesus is the God/Man. God cannot grow tired or weary, but humans can. In his human nature, Jesus was now tired, hungry, and wearied by the heat (Vs. 6; Matt. 8:24; John 19:28).

II. LEAPING UP TO ETERNAL LIFE

- As Jesus waits for the disciples, a woman from Sychar comes to draw water at the sixth hour (noon), an unusual time of the day for such a task.
- Jesus starts the conversation by asking for water, which is a great surprise to the woman.
- Jacob's well had been present in that area for two-thousand years providing water (it remains today). Jesus informs the woman that this good reality notwithstanding, something much better is available (Gen. 48:22).
- If people would come to understand who Jesus is, they would quickly ask him for life. Sadly, sin (and our enemy) blinds us (Vs. 10; Matt. 11:27-29; John 6:37; 2 Cor. 4:4; 2 Thess. 2:9-12).
- Jesus metaphorically declares that life in the Holy Spirit is a perpetual filling. The 'water' wells up to life (Jer. 2:11-13, 17:13; John 3:34; Eph. 1:13-14; *Tg. Isa.* 44:3).
- Broken people need the Spirit of God. Nevertheless, we need the giver of the gift more than the gift itself (Vs. 15).

KNOW: Jesus offers us the Holy Spirit, a fountain of living water. The Spirit, like everything else that we possess, is a gift from God.

DO: Live life in the fullness of the Spirit.

Suggested Reading:

Keep in Step with the Spirit by J.I. Packer (Available in the LifePoint Library).

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read John 4:1-15

1. What strikes you as most interesting about Jesus' conversation with the woman of Samaria?
2. What is so confusing for the woman as Jesus talks about "living water?"
3. What is the living water Jesus offers? How do we obtain it/him?
4. How is it that Jesus, the Son of God, can get tired and thirsty? Isn't he God?
5. What point does Jesus seem to be driving at in this conversation? Where is he leading the woman?
6. What application is there for you in this text/sermon?