

Oceanside Connect Group Outline

Week of October 4th 2015



Key Scripture

John 4:7-26, ESV

⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, **“Give me a drink.”** ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ 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.”** ¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³ Jesus said to her, **“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”** ¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

...continue reading through to verse 26.

Discussion questions from this week’s sermon

Last week in John 3:1-15 we looked at a conversation between Nicodemus & Jesus. How do we perceive that this woman was different from Nicodemus?

Why was this woman so surprised that Jesus entered into a conversation with her? What were some of the cultural prejudices at play here?

What group of people do you have the most difficulty accepting? What in your past has made this so?

Jesus was trying to make a spiritual point here. Why did this woman seem to keep missing it?

How did the tone and direction of the conversation change when Jesus brought up the subject of her husband? Why do you think Jesus went there?

What do you imagine this woman’s life would have been like to have had, and lost, 5 husbands?

How did Jesus know she’d had five husbands? Was he operating as God or on human level with a spiritual gift? Can we operate in the same spiritual gifting?

When things get too personal, we all sometimes attempt to change the subject. Why do we do this?

Jesus makes an astounding claim about himself in verse 26. What did he mean here? Why did he choose a Samaritan to reveal it to?

What impact did this revelation have on this woman? (John 4:28-29)

What are some of the walls in your life that work to keep you apart from Jesus?

When you consider the deepest longings of your heart, where does Jesus fall into the list?