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MESSAGE REVIEW

Our world is suffering from spiritual and emotional dehydration. Everything that has transpired around the world over the past year-and-a-half is contributing to a thirst that we can't satisfy with created things, despite our attempts to do so. Our culture offers things that only dehydrate us more. But Jesus came to be our living water! In Him we can be deeply known, deeply loved, and completely accepted.

WARM UP QUESTION

Describe a time in your life when you were really, really thirsty.

- 1** **Read John 4:1-6.** Why does Jesus need to leave Judea? Why was traveling through Samaria (the most efficient route) not something Jews did at that time? How do you see this kind of tribalism and division playing out in our world today?
- 2** **Read John 4:6-10.** How do you see the humanity of Jesus in verses 6-8? How do you see Jesus trying to steer the conversation to the spiritual? Look up Jeremiah 2:13, 17:13 and Zechariah 14:8-9. How is Jesus hinting at who He is in verse 10?
- 3** **Read John 4:11-15.** What do you notice about the conversation between the woman and Jesus? Why are they not connecting? Have you ever tried to steer a regular conversation into a spiritual conversation with a non-Christian friend? Talk about your experiences with it and anything you've learned. Look up Colossians 4:2-6 for further discussion.
- 4** **Read John 4:16-20.** What new tactic does Jesus use to get the woman's attention? How do you hear her response to Jesus in verses 19-20? How have you seen both the humanity and divinity of Jesus in this passage? How do you react to Jesus knowing everything about you?
- 5** **Read John 4:21-26.** How would you summarize Jesus' response in verses 21-24? What does it look like today to worship in spirit and in truth? Why do we need both? Why do you think Jesus chooses to reveal His identity so plainly to this woman? The rest of John 4 shows us her response and changed life. How have you seen Jesus similarly change your life? What does it show about His love?

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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