



One Thirsty Woman

John 4:1-26

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Warm Up: Throughout this series we have been learning that Jesus deals with people uniquely, addressing the obstacles which stand in the way of their surrender to Him. This week we saw a woman who didn't even know she was thirsty until she encountered the Lord. Have a couple of people briefly share how they *first* met Jesus. Initially, was their a thirst for eternal life evident within you? At what point did the thirst for God become strongest?

- ❖ Read **John 4:1-9** aloud. As we saw last week with the demon-possessed man Jesus' ministry was not exclusively to the Jew but extended to all people. Based on the cultural norms of the day, what was the significance of this encounter?
- ❖ We see that this woman was focused on the physical job of getting water from the well. The practical realities of work, the law, customs, and barriers kept her from discerning who was speaking to her.
 - Do you find yourself so preoccupied with "life" that you forget, or even willfully edge God out of your daily living?
 - What are two contributors (i.e. environment, practices etc.) that *best* help you shift from a physical/practical mindset to an eternal one where you are connected with the Holy Spirit?
- ❖ Read **John 4:10-26**. Jesus shifted the focus of the woman from the physical to the spiritual. Concentrate on verses **10** and **14**. What can we learn from these verses that may help us move from the temporary to the eternal? What does a life that brings forth "living water" look like? Have you asked for it?
 - Imagine that the Lord truly desires to give you this "*fresh, bubbling spring*" within your life (because He does!) What are some of the ways you would envision this thirst-quenching life impacting your daily living? What would you want to experience more of? (i.e. joy, fearlessness, etc.) How would you want to be different?

Wrap Up: "True worship is defined by the **priority** we place on who God is in our lives and **where** God is on our list of priorities. True worship is a matter of the heart expressed through a lifestyle of holiness. Thus, if your lifestyle does not express the beauty of holiness through an extravagant or exaggerated love for God then I invite you to make worship a non-negotiable priority in your life." - *Delesslyn A. Kennebrew*.

Is our desire to have a lifestyle of holiness? Where are our priorities? Seek the only One that can truly quench your thirst! Pray that we would make worship a non-negotiable priority in our lives.