

LIFE Group Discussion Questions

John 4:1-42

Week of October 31-November 6, 2010

Summary: Christ demonstrates in his encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well that he is a Savior worthy of our worship. This is a rich, meaningful encounter, which invites us to consider again the meaning and significance of Christ as the Messiah, the life giving water. Drink deeply from the text!

Discussion Questions

These questions do not to be covered exhaustively; rather, they are meant as a guide to further exploration on the various applications and observations from the text, so use what is most helpful for your group context.

1. In vv. 1-9, we see a “Savior Who Cares.” Jesus addresses a *Samaritan woman* – two significant barriers that he demolishes. Who do you find most difficult to show genuine care toward, either a people group or a person? Why is it so hard? How do you care without surrendering truth? What would seeking/initiating with them/him/her look like?
2. In vv. 10-18, we see a “Savior Who Provides.” We won’t drink unless we are thirsty. What made/makes you (spiritually) thirsty? How is your thirst quenched? What “broken cisterns” (read Jer. 2:13) are you prone to construct? How has Christ addressed those areas in your life?
3. In vv. 19-26, we see a “Savior Who Seeks.” How has Christ sought you over the course of your life? Christ is seeking *sincere* worshippers – what do you do if your heart feels far from God; do you cease to worship?! How has your experience in the church encouraged you toward sincerity and deeper affection of Christ? Discouraged it? If discouraged, what’s the remedy?
4. In vv. 27-38, we see a “Savior Who Sends.” The focus in the message was on intentionality – being fully present with those around you. How ya doin’? What demonstrates being fully present? What can you change?
5. Finally, in vv. 39-42, we see a “Savior Who Speaks.” How does Christ still speak? Are you expecting him to speak to you; if not, why not? Can you relate to the quote, “I knew the words, but not the music of the Gospel”?

Rabbit Trail of the Week: God is seeking those who worship in spirit and in truth. Let’s talk about truth. To what extent can you worship with people who believe differently than you? What are the non-negotiables in terms of basic beliefs in order for you to engage with another body in worship? What things are preferential only?