

Announce

Food pantry

- Continue to give

Wednesday Bible study

- Hebrews 11 - what does faith look like
- The example of Abraham

Introduction

Communion Sunday

- Today we celebrate communion
- Reminded that God sought and found us though we were unworthy

Woman at the well

- See these principles illustrated in a familiar story

Message

What he asked (vv3-9)

John 4:3-9 (3) he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. (4) And he had to pass through Samaria. (5) So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. (6) Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. (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.)

Jesus strikes up the conversation

- He asks her for a drink - and begins a conversation
- He’s sitting there and she walks up
- Doesn’t seem like a big deal to start talking in our culture
- See her response in v9 - it was a huge deal
- Jew vs. Samaritan
- Man vs. Woman

Bigger picture, he deliberately detours

- See v4 - had to pass through
- On a map this is a “duh”
- Jews however typically detoured around Samaria
- I believe this was a divine appointment, and Jesus deliberately sought her!

Point: Jesus seeks us

- **Luke 19:10** *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*
- Religion is all about coming to God
- Christianity is all about God coming to us - through His Son!
- And there is no other way to come to Him
- **John 14:6** *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*
- From the garden on, God has sought sinful man!

2nd point: Will we receive him?**

- She was there hiding out from her community - she could have hid from Jesus
- Are we too proud to speak to him
- Are we too busy to speak to him?

What he offered (v10, vv13–14)

John 4:10, 13–14 (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.” ... (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

Freedom from soul thirst

The illustration from the well

- The problem with natural things - is we run out
- **Illustrate:** Kayak trip yesterday - I forgot my water
- Bottle water when we got off the river
- Still thirsty later

The application for the Spirit

- All have a "soul thirst"
- We cannot satisfy - and constantly pursue
- Nothing we try will work - because only He can satisfy

An internal supply of life

- His provision - to dwell in us, and constantly refresh us
- His Spirit in us is to be like a spring that doesn't run dry
- How we need that today

What she had to do

Stop being religious

See her interaction

- Throughout the entire passage, she's constantly trying to steer the conversation from her need/His offer to religious topics
- v9 - Cultural divide
- v12 - claiming Jacob as their father
- v20 - where should we worship/holy ground
- **Point** When we share the Gospel, let's keep the conversation on their need, Christ's provision

See her admission of sin vv16-18

- **John 4:16-18** *Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." (17) The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; (18) for you have had five husbands, and the*

- one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”*
- Our religion is at its core an attempt to prove ourselves worthy to a holy God
 - Jesus brings up the issue of her sin (the reason she’s probably waiting until noon to draw water)

Recognize the gift and the giver

- See again v10 - *if you knew the gift of God and who it is...*
- We must (by the Spirit) recognize our need and God’s provision - and Jesus as the provider
- **Point:** Are you thirsty today? Tired of trying to be good enough to please God. He has promised to satisfy the longing of your soul

Ask

- See in **John 4:15 (ESV)** (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.”*
- We must ask - he will not force it down our throats

Closing

- In a minute we’ll celebrate communion
- Reminded today that Jesus came to provide us eternal, abundant life - living water
- Are you thirsty today
- Are you willing to admit that need and ask?

Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 *For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.*

