

## Community Group Discussion Questions

“Water Cooler Conversation – part 1” John 4:1-15 January 13/14

### Getting Started

As we set our sights to begin our 21-day journey of prayer and fasting, we do so with the intentionality of giving up something good for something better; disrupting our routines, to devote our requests for the miraculous in our lives, this church, our nation, and world.

**What are going to fast from? Who are you choosing to fast for?**  
(what person do you want to see have a spiritual breakthrough)

### Going Deeper

I. Direct Inclination: (Vs. 4-7)

A. Beginning with a Burden:

1. To a Path: “had to pass through Samaria” (Vs. 4)
2. To a Place: “Jacob’s well” (Vs. 5-6)

B. Bringing a Blessing:

1. To a Purpose: “so Jesus, wearied...sitting beside the well” (6)
2. To a Person: “A woman from Samaria” (Vs. 7)

At the time of Jesus, Jews hated Samaritans and were extremely prejudiced against them. When verse 4 says, “Jesus had to pass through Samaria,” it is showing Jesus doing the exact opposite of what any other Jew of His day would do. They would all choose to walk many miles around Samaria, rather than go through it. But Jesus, with the heart of a missionary God, ‘had to’ go ‘through’ Samaria, because He knew there was a divine appointment waiting for Him, in the woman at the well.

**Who has God given you a missionary burden for?**

**Who do you have to reach?**

**What passion gets you out of bed in the morning, or what burden keeps you up at night?**

II. Desired Conversation: (Vs. 7-10)

A. Shared Interest:

1. Retrieving: “came to draw water” (Vs. 7)
2. Requesting: “Give me a drink” (Vs. 7)

B. Social Injustice: “The Samaritan woman said to him” (Vs. 9)

1. Towards Creed: JESUS GIVES EQUALITY TO WOMEN
2. Towards Color: JESUS GIVES EQUALITY TO RACE

We live in a world where people are constantly grouped, judged, marginalized, victimized, and abused.

**Read Galatians 3:28.** When we embrace the heart of God for all people in all places, how does this affect our view of people? Where can racism live if all are valuable to God? Where can sexism live? Where can economic class live?

III. Divine Revelation: (Vs. 10-14)

A. Well of Worth: “gift of God” (Vs. 10)

1. Not Rejected, but Received!
2. Not Repulsive, but Regarded!
3. Not Rubbish, but Redeemed!

B. Well not of Works:

1. Temporal: “will be thirsty again” (Vs. 13)
2. Eternal: “will never be thirsty again” (Vs. 14)

C. Well of Washing: “water welling up to eternal life” (Vs. 14b)

Salvation is a gift from God. Significance is a gift from God. Springs of water welling up within us refers to the Holy Spirit who wants to take up residence in us and live through us. How would you describe your Christian life? Do you feel like it's a constantly flowing spring? What would need to change for you to experience this exciting, vibrant life?

*Take Away:* Go to the top of your listener guide, take a close look at the logo “21”. Write inside the circle around the number “1”. Write two things inside the circle: what you are choosing to fast from and who you are choosing to fast for. Let’s believe toward the miracle!

### **Prayer Requests**

Pray for one another as your group has shared what you will fast from and who you will fast for.