



## Living Water

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**1) The world is thirsty.**

**2) Jesus offers living water to EVERYONE.**

### **John 4:9-14 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

<sup>11</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

### **John 4:27 (NIV)**

Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

**3) We point people to Jesus.**

### **John 4 28-30 (NIV)**

<sup>28</sup> Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" <sup>30</sup> They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

**John 4:39-42 (NIV)**

<sup>39</sup> Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. <sup>41</sup> And because of his words many more became believers.

<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

**John 4:34-35 (NIV)**

<sup>34</sup> "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. <sup>35</sup> Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

**Matthew 9:36-38 (NIV)**

<sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

**Acts 2:38 (NIV)**

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## Reflection Questions:

- 1) What things is the world “thirsty” for? What do they chase after with their heart and life and soul? Why do those things not satisfy?
- 2) When you look at the world do you see the “fields that are ripe for harvest” that Jesus saw? Why or why not?
- 3) Jesus crossed many cultural barriers to reach out to the Samaritan women. What cultural barriers exist today that we need to cross to introduce everyone to Jesus?
- 4) How have you seen God use you as a laborer in the harvest? What would be your next step in becoming better at introducing people to Jesus?
- 5) Who in your world could you reach out to and introduce to Jesus? Who could you invite to join you at Journey to learn how know and follow Jesus? (INVEST and INVITE)



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