

These questions are for the February 22, 2026, message, “Good News for the Nations.” Please read the sermon passage (John 4:1-15) out loud.

Passage Outline

Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well:

1. The Context (v. 1-6)
 - A. The Pharisees in Judea heard that Jesus’ ministry was exceeding that of John the Baptist
 - B. Jesus left for Galilee, and “had to” pass through Samaria on the way
 - C. Jesus came to a Samaritan town called “Sychar,” where Jacob’s well was located
 - D. Jesus sat down by the well, tired from his journey
2. Jesus meets the Samaritan woman (v. 7-10)
 - A. Jesus asks the Samaritan woman for a drink of water
 - 1) “...Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.” (v. 9)
 - 2) A Jew sharing a cup with a Samaritan would have been unheard of
 - B. Jesus responds by telling the Samaritan woman that she should be asking Him for a drink
 - 1) ...If you knew the gift of God...
 - 2) ...If you knew who it is saying to you, “Give me a drink”...
 - 3) ...You would have asked him for a drink, and he would have given you living water
3. Jesus promises living water (v. 11-15)
 - A. Everyone who drinks the water from Jacob’s well will thirst again
 - B. Whoever drinks of the water Jesus gives will never thirst again
 - C. The water Jesus gives will become a spring, welling up to eternal life

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Jesus intentionally moved into territory that Jewish people would have avoided, and He chose to spend time with a member of that community, violating some very serious social norms. How does understanding those details shape your understanding of His meeting with the Samaritan woman?
2. Share with your Life Group about an opportunity you’ve had to show care to someone in an unusual or unexpected time or place. How did you respond to the opportunity? What did God teach you about Himself in that instance?
3. Based on #2, above: How does our sense of identity impact who we tend to serve, and how we serve them? Are there places you would avoid sharing the Gospel, or people you would be less likely to reach out to, merely because of who they are, or what they believe?
4. Based on #3, above: What was the “water” Jesus described to the Samaritan woman? What is the significance of “never thirsting” again? What is the significance of this living water becoming a spring, welling up within the one receiving it (i.e., what is the purpose of a well)?