

06 LIVING WATER

KEY TEXT: JOHN 4:9-29

CENTRAL truth

John 4 recounts a stunning conversation Jesus had with a woman at a well, during which He used physical thirst to reveal her spiritual thirst. This conversation makes it clear: Jesus is the rescue she had longed for, and He is the only one who can offer life-giving water to eternally quench spiritual thirst. **Jesus offers living water that saves us from death and satisfies us in life.**

key question

What might this woman have longed for? How might her longings have been satisfied by the living water that Jesus offers?

What we know about God can help us understand why the living water that Jesus offers is life-giving and able to satisfy. For a woman who might not have received much compassion in her life, how wonderful it must have been to talk with the One who is known for His compassion! For a woman who had been rejected, how beautiful it must have been to be invited to fellowship with the One who was willing to endure rejection that she might have togetherness!

keep in mind

The Samaritan woman is famous for having had five husbands. Often, we are quick to view her through our cultural lens and place condemnation upon her. Though her marriages could have been the result of her own sin, cultural differences can lead us to wonder about other possibilities: that she was mistreated quite significantly or suffered great loss. Either way, we need to let Jesus's compassion inform our thoughts and actions. Invite your students to view her and others with tenderness.

Condemnation is a tricky topic because it presses into the most tender parts of us. Be on the lookout for students who have endured condemnation from others or who are especially prone to condemn themselves. How can you show them the good news of the gospel?

application

What kind of "spiritual thirst" do you notice in yourself?

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FOR THE STUDENT: Students can begin to use the framework of "spiritual thirst" to help them become aware of what they long for and the God who can save and satisfy them.

FOR THE LEADER: Use the language of "spiritual thirst" to help students process their internal battles. Help them discover what they are longing for and point them to the only One who offers life-giving water.

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