



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 6: But Whoever Drinks  
Suggested Week of Use: January 8, 2023  
Core Passage: John 4:11-26

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### News Story Summary

Crazy winter weather across the country landed particularly hard in many parts of the South. Power companies were stretched to the limit and even ordered rolling blackouts that shut off sections of power grids for anywhere from 10 minutes to more than an hour. As a result of that and other environmental issues, the city of Memphis, Tennessee, also issued an alert at 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve directing residents to boil their tap water to ensure its safety. It was certainly a Christmas to remember, as thousands of people in the Memphis area scrambled to find bottled water on Christmas Eve—and even Christmas Day. Those who couldn't find bottled water or couldn't leave their homes hoped that their power would stay on so they could boil their water. Memphis Light, Gas, and Water later donated cases of bottled water at various locations around the city on Monday, December 26.

For more about this story, search “Memphis Water Christmas to Remember.”

### Focus Attention

To supplement **FOCUS ATTENTION**, write on the board “Water is life.” Lead class members to agree or disagree with the statement and explain why. Share that many of us tend to take water for granted, but it is essential for us to live. Ask: *How much water do you normally drink each day? What is the longest you have gone without drinking water?* Explain that scientists say that a person can go without food for up to two months before starving to death, but a person would not survive a week without water. Share the story of the Memphis, Tennessee, water crisis. Ask: *When have you had to go without water or boil your water to be safe? How did you cope?* Point out that in today's session, Jesus talked with a Samaritan woman about water, and the water He offered was even more important than what she could find in a well.

### Summarize and Challenge

To supplement **SUMMARIZE AND CHALLENGE**, remind adults of the water advisory in Memphis over Christmas. Ask: *When have you been so thirsty that all you could think about was getting something to drink? How did you finally quench your thirst?* Explain that having a cup of cool water can satisfy our thirst—for a short time. Say: *After that, we will need to drink more water again.* Encourage the group to recall this story of the woman at the well every time they get something to drink. Write on the board “People find lasting spiritual satisfaction only in Jesus.” Lead class members to agree or disagree with the statement and explain why. Challenge them to remember that Jesus is the only One who satisfies our spiritual thirst.