

Transition:

As Jesus leaves Judea and heads toward Galilee, He makes an intentional stop in Samaria, a place avoided by most Jews. At Jacob's well, He meets a Samaritan woman with a complicated past. They have a deeply personal conversation and Jesus reveals who the true Messiah is to this outcast woman.

Tell the story:

Tell the story (with passion!) the best you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

Rebuild the story:

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is significant about Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman?
2. What do you think Jesus means when He says "living water"? (Jeremiah 2:12-13, John 7:37-38, Revelation 22:17)
3. What is significant about Jesus' statement in verse 26? What is revealed about Jesus' identity? (Matthew 16:13-17, John 6:25-36)

Fundamental:

Living Water - The living water is Jesus' promise of eternal life. Eternal life does not come to us in this physical lifetime because we are all going to die one day. However, we have a hope in Jesus' return that He will raise us all from death! (1 Corinthians 15:20-22). When God made Adam and Eve, they were not meant for death but it came into this world through the original sin. Jesus is coming back to restore this world and His creation. Believers who die to themselves, as Jesus showed us when He died on the cross, will also be raised to life again (Romans 6:3-8). If our hope is in Jesus, as believers, we will walk in His ways, tell others about this hope and find rest in His promise.

1. What does it mean to have eternal life? Why does the promise of eternal life bring hope?
2. Why is eternal life only found through Jesus Christ? (John 5:24, 14:6, 1 Corinthians 15:12-22, 1 John 5:11-13)

Homework/Challenge:

1. Reflect on how Jesus met you personally. Have you shared that story with anyone?
2. Identify someone you might avoid or overlook; pray for an opportunity to offer them living water.
3. Read John 5 in preparation for next week.

Discipleship Tip:

Lead the group in communion after you have gone through the study together. Ask others to pray and give thanks out loud before consuming the bread and the juice together.

Prayer:

Jesus, we long for your living water. We place our hope in Your return and the resurrection. While in this world, comfort us with your peace, strengthen our faith, and provide heavenly joy.