

### **CONSIDERING HOME GROUPS?**

Throughout the Scriptures, relationships are what matter. The New Testament is freighted with commands of how to love another. It is a key desire of Home Groups to be a place where we encourage and built-up each other. You can find a Home Group on our website at [www.trinityonline.org](http://www.trinityonline.org)

### **AWKWARD?**

In this week's section, Jesus has a conversation with a woman that seems 'awkward?' Have you had conversations with people about Jesus that became 'awkward?' What makes it feel 'awkward' to have conversations about Jesus?

### **LET'S LEARN FROM THE BIBLE**

Our study through John chapter four will be divided into two parts. For this week, we will focus on Jesus initial encounter. Next week, we will consider the results of the encounter. If you haven't been able to hear the message on this portion, you can find it at [www.trinityonline.org](http://www.trinityonline.org) Read John 4:1-26. Summarize the encounter into three sections or topics.

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Do some research on ancient Samaria. There are many resources available including commentaries. You might want to go to this website which is a commentary on the entire Bible to see what it says about John 4:4:

<https://www.planobiblechapel.org/tcon/notes/html/nt/john/john.htm#head31>

- What was the history? Why did Jews and Samaritans not agree or get along?
- Why was it unusual that Jesus would intentionally travel through Samaria?
- What would have made Jesus' encounter with this woman 'awkward?' (7-9)

How does Jesus' well surpass Jacob's well? (6-14)

Jesus used the phrase, "the gift of God." What is that gift? How did the Samaritan woman understand the gift? (10-15) Do you think she asked for a drink of Jesus' water? How is Jesus' water unlike any other water? (10-14)

Why do you think Jesus altered the direction of the conversation from wells to husbands? Why this subject? (16-24)

How did the woman then shift the conversation? Why that topic?

How do you understand what Jesus said about worship? How was Jesus' statement about worship superseding or overwhelming Jewish worship?

The woman, in her discussion about worship, wanders into the idea that the Messiah will "explain everything." What, in her encounter with Jesus, might have prompted her to make this statement?

How does this encounter compare to that of Jesus and Nicodemus?

It's always important to consider what we learn about God as we read Scripture. What do we learn about Jesus from this encounter and conversation? (7-26)

## DISCUSS TOGETHER

Can you remember conversations about Jesus before you followed Him? Or, conversations with people who didn't yet know Him? What were they like?

What things about Jesus' character and actions from this chapter impress you? What does this reveal about God and His desires?

Are there insights that we can learn about encounters and conversations with people from this example?

## LET'S PRAY

- Please share and pray for people in your world who do not yet know Jesus
- Please pray for our Middle and High School students.
- Please update and pray for your Adopted global partner
- Please pray for the love and unity within our Trinity family