

Connect Group study

John chapter 4 contains many key lessons. We'll take some time in this study to look at some of them – specifically how Jesus again reveals His gracious nature and what it means to worship in ,spirit and in truth'.

Read John 4:1-42

Reflect

- Q1. a. Jesus has a conversation with a woman in John 4. This was surprising for a number of reasons; what were they? (NB verses 9, 18, 27).
 - b. What does this reveal about Jesus and how should we emulate his example?
- Q2. a. What was Jesus talking about when He refers to ,living water' in verses 10 and 13-14?
 - b. Jesus uses the phrase 'living water' on another occasion in John 7:37-39. How does this clarify what He meant?
- Q3. a. What is Jesus trying to say in verses 21-24?
 - b. What do you think it means to worship in 'spirit and in truth'?
 - c. According to Jesus, the Father 'seeks' this kind of worshiper. Discuss this idea; what kind of picture does this give you of God?

Respond

- Q5. a. Do you think you are the kind of worshiper who worships in 'spirit and in truth'?
 - b. How can you take steps forward in this direction?

Suggested memory verse(s):

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks." (John 4:23 NIV)