

Gospel of John Bible Study

Chapter 4

DAY ONE

1. What was it that persuaded Jesus to leave Judea as shown at the beginning of the Gospel of John Chapter 4?
2. What do we learn of the background of the Samaritan people from 2 Kings 17:22-41?
3. Do you see any irony in the Gospel of John 4:7-15; if so, what is it?

DAY TWO

1. Describe what do you think may have been the Samaritan woman's changing perception of Jesus from his questions or statements to her as outlined below from the Gospel of John 4:7-18:

- *"Will you give me a drink?"*
- *"If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."*
- *"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*
- *"You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."*

2. What about a person's physical appearance, social standing or cultural differences causes you to hesitate to speak to them, associate with them or tell them of Jesus Christ? Share an experience when have you been able to overlook these aspects of a person or when someone has overlooked your circumstances to share the gospel.

3. Read the following verses Jeremiah 2:13, Jeremiah 17:13, Gospel of John 7:37-39 and Revelation 7:17. What did Jesus mean by the term "living water" in the Gospel of John Chapter 4:10 and *"Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life"* in the Gospel of John 4:14?

DAY THREE

1. Why did Jesus ask the woman to call her husband and come back in the Gospel of John Chapter 4:16 if he knew she had no husband as shown in verses 17 and 18?
2. The woman basically agreed Jesus was right about the man she was with was not her husband in her statement *"Sir, the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet.'"* What are the possible reasons for her turning the conversation to a topic of the difference of places of worship?

3. List 5 truths from Jesus' statement to the woman in the Gospel of John Chapter 4:21-24.

DAY FOUR

1. Do you think the woman believed Jesus' statement of these truths in the Gospel of John 4:21-24? Why or why not?
2. In the Gospel of John 4:29 the woman said to the townspeople "*Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?*" What strikes you about how she explains her conversation with Jesus?
3. List 3 things the woman actually knows about Jesus based on her encounter with him.

DAY FIVE

1. List 5 things Jesus tells his disciples in the Gospel of John 4:35-38.
2. Why did Jesus say what is related in the Gospel of John 4:34-38 to his disciples and what lesson for daily living do we learn from this?
3. Contrast the focus and results of Jesus to the focus and results of his disciples.

DAY SIX

1. Read Matthew 13:53-58 and Mark 6:1-6. What are the three examples Jesus gives for the types of people who would not honor him?
2. Why is it hard for a prophet to be honored in his own country?
3. What actions indicated the faith of the royal official?