



JOHN CHAPTER 4 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- Who is the most patient person that you know and what sticks out to you most about this person?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (John 4:1-54)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

John 4:1-9

- What is significant about the language that Jesus "had to pass through Samaria?" How does this apply to you and me as disciples of Christ today?
 - Jesus did not in fact "have to" pass through Samaria. Most if not all of His fellow Jews crossed the Jordan and went up the east side in order to get to Galilee because of their relationship with the Samaritans. Neither group liked the other and Jews considered Samaritans "half-breeds." Jesus was compelled to go through Samaria because of His love for humanity and in particular because of His love for this woman regardless of her social status and/or position. For you and me as disciples, this calls us to examine our

own hearts and motives in how we view people, how we love people, and how we seek to reach out to people.

- Would you say that your life is currently characterized by engaging in relationships that are mostly easy on your terms or mostly difficult on Jesus' terms?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
 - What "types" of individuals do you find difficult to love and why? What are you currently doing about this as a disciple of Jesus?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.
 - In what ways are you difficult to love? How have people shown you grace and mercy in spite of the difficulties you bring to the table?
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John 4:10-26

- As a disciple of Jesus Christ, do your interactions with other people consistently reflect that you believe you have been given the greatest gift that all of humanity has ever and will ever be given?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
- Why did Jesus tell the woman, "Go call your husband," when He knew her situation?
 - Jesus is meeting the woman where she is at but is taking her to deeper levels of vulnerability and transparency. He isn't willing to settle for the status quo and is teaching her how to refuse to settle for the status quo as well. He is inviting her to a lifestyle that is better, richer, and deeper than the lifestyle that she is currently living. He is calling her out of her sin and into relationship with Him.

- Consider the following questions.
 - How do you meet people where they are at rather than where you want them to be and/or believe they should be?
 - How do you point people to the love of the Father and His word rather than your own words, wisdom, and counsel?
 - How do you intentionally get in the trenches with people when it's messy, difficult, and risky?
 - These are all perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.

John 4:27-42

- Notice that when the woman is called out of her lifestyle of sin and into a relationship with Jesus, her soul, heart, and mind are unleashed, and she can't help but to testify about her encounter with Jesus.
 - In what ways do you need to be more like this woman? In what ways is your life, heart, soul, and mind currently being unleashed for and in the kingdom of God?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.

John 4:42-54

- How do you need to more fully take Jesus at His word?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (John Chapter 5)



JOHN CHAPTER 4 (STUDENT)

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