



## Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

John 4:4-30

*What you know and what you don't know matter!*

How would you answer these questions?

Jesus loves me because \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus loves me more when \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus loves me less when \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus would love me more if \_\_\_\_\_

1. Read this story found in John 4:4-30, 39-42. Spend time picturing what life was like for the Samaritan woman. What were her circumstances?

Why was the Samaritan woman surprised that Jesus was talking to her?

1. He was a man. She was a \_\_\_\_\_.

Jewish men did not speak to women in public, not even their wives.

2. He was a Jew. She was a \_\_\_\_\_.

The Jews looked down on and even despised the Samaritans.

Because of her circumstances, what inner struggles might she have had?  
How could we describe her?

Has there been a time in your life when you felt some of these struggles?

## 2. John 4:16-19

Why would Jesus have asked her this question when he already knew the answer?

How does Jesus respond to her when she admitted that she didn't have a husband?

Why was Jesus not disgusted or put off by her sin?

Romans 5:8

John 3:16, 17

Mark 2:17

## 3. Look at these two words—External/ Eternal

When it comes to our judgments of others, what can happen if we only judge by external appearance?

How can these two words help us to build relationships with people who are not like us?

How do these Scriptures help us to relate to people who are not like us?

Romans 3:9-12

Colossians 1:21,22

Ephesians 2:1-8

*Every person we meet has a story that we don't know. To overcome prejudice or a critical spirit towards others, take into account what you don't know and think with an eternal perspective. Jesus pursued people who were not Jewish, and this angered the religious leaders. Do you pursue people that are not like you?*

4. John 4:7-15 Jesus asked the Samaritan woman to give him a glass of water. Was that something she could do? \_\_\_\_\_ Why was she offended?

In John 4:10, Jesus gives us an important prayer principle. When he says, "If you knew" what is he referring to?

"There is a direct correlation between not knowing Jesus well, and not asking much from Him. A failure in our prayer life is generally a failure to know Jesus. Christians who spend time in prayer do it because they see that God is a great Giver and that Christ is wise and merciful and powerful beyond measure. When we become what God created us to be, we become people of prayer." John Piper

John 4:13, 14 Jesus is using a physical need that all of us have to show us our spiritual need. What is our spiritual need and what does Jesus want to give us?

5. John 4: 25, 26, 28-30 How did the Samaritan woman respond to Jesus when she understood who He was? What did she now know about Jesus that she didn't know before? How does this knowledge change her?

John 4:39-42 What happens because of the change in the Samaritan woman?

This lesson was titled "Choose to Connect." The Samaritan woman was changed by her connection with Jesus, and then her connection to people changed, too!

What difference does knowing Jesus make in your life?

Is there someone in your life that you can pursue and help them to connect to Jesus?

## See and Share

\*Peer--to look closely or intently at something that may be difficult to see

Pray—Psalm 119:18

Examine the context. Ask questions.

Evaluate how this applies to you.

Respond. Talk to God about what you've seen.

Share. Tell somebody!

As we have peered into this lesson, what have you seen? What will you hold on to from this lesson?

Who will you share this with?