

John 4 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. Read John 4:16-20. What did Jesus tell the woman (v16-18) and how did this affect her (v19)? What was her next response (v20) and what do you think she was trying to do?

5. In 4:21-26 how did Jesus correct the woman (v21, 22) and what truth did He reveal (v23-24)? What does this mean? What final truth did He reveal to the woman (v25-26)?

6. Based on 4:27-34 contrast the disciples' responses (v27, 31-33) to the woman's (v28-30)? What made the difference? Apply.

7. Looking at 4:34-38 what was Jesus' food (v34) and how is this illustrated (v35)? Describe the participants in the harvest and the blessings of each (v36-38).

8. From 4:39-42 what was the initial result of the woman's words (v39) and the ongoing results (v40, 41, 42)? How does this work today?

9. In 4:43-45 what was Jesus' next stop (v43) and what would be His reception (v44)? With that background, in what sense was the Galilean reception of Him positive (v45)?

10. From 4:46-54 what situation did Jesus encounter (v46-47) and how did He feel about it (v48)? What did He do about it (v49-50)? How was this a miraculous sign (v51-54)?

11. Summarize Jesus' method of seeking the thirsty and how He was motivated by the harvest. How does His second sign show His heart, especially in light of what had just occurred in Samaria? Apply.

Scripture to Remember

"But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in Spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers."

John 4:23 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Loving My Confidence (1 John 5:13-17)

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. From your own experience, what are some of the benefits that come from being confident in a certain activity or practice? What do you think confidence is?
2. Read 1 John 5:13-17. What do many think is happening when a person "gets saved"? Why is viewing it as "a new birth" necessary to give us a sense of security?
3. Talk about how we get salvation and how we keep it. How does each of these show that it is impossible to "lose" your salvation? What is the key question and why?
4. What confidence do we have in prayer? Why are praying in Jesus' name, in faith, and according to His will all the same? How do we know how to do this?
5. Discuss what it means to pray in submission to God's will. If we are doing this what will be our response to the answer, "yes" or "no"? Why? Give examples.
6. How should we pray for a Christian brother who is walking in sin, based on 5:16-17? When should we not pray and what should we do instead?
7. If there is time discuss anything else meaningful to you from the message today.



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The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

Whenever someone begins to share personal things that make others uncomfortable we label that “TMI” - Too Much Information. In this week’s study Jesus reveals a Samaritan woman’s “TMI”, knowledge that He had of her personal life that only God could know. However, it was because of this personal knowledge that He had a divine appointment with her. Instead of going around Samaria, He went through the heart of it. He was seeking the thirsty, and by exposing the woman’s TMI—having had five husbands before her current one—He was able to quench that thirst. At first she was confused, then curious; but after trying to engage Jesus in a religious argument, she surrendered to His divine authority as the Messiah. In contrast to Jesus’ compassion,

when the disciples returned they wondered why He had even spoken to her. The woman, though, was past that; she had gone back home to share her story. While the disciples tried to get Jesus to eat something, He was totally focused on seeing the harvest resulting from the woman’s testimony. This was His food, to do the will of God, and when the Samaritans came for salvation His hunger was satisfied. He sought to lead His disciples to this same mindset, declaring that the joy of the one sowing and of the one reaping is mutual. Additionally, they were already being paid with the fruit of eternal life. This was the work of the Father and it should satisfy Jesus’ followers. While many Samaritans believed in Jesus, two days later He left for Galilee, his home. He had no honor there, but the



Jesus’ one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.

people still received Him because of the signs that He was doing. In Cana the opportunity for another sign presented itself as the child of a royal official was about to die. When he asked Jesus to heal his son, Jesus was somewhat exasperated by their unbelief in His identity, but His compassion still led Him to save his son. The healing of the boy from a distance by the spoken word of Jesus was the “sign” that pointed to His divine nature—the same divine nature that had enabled Him to use the Samaritan woman’s TMI to save her.

Study Questions for John 4

(for answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf.html/study%20questions))

1. Read John 4:1-6. Why did Jesus leave Judea (v1-3)? Where did He stop (v5-6) and why (v6)? Most Jews went around Samaria, so what does this reveal about Jesus’ purpose (v4)?	
2. From 4:7-10 what did Jesus ask (v7) and what was the woman’s response (v9)? Why (v9)? Explain Jesus’ answer (v10). What do you think He was doing by using this approach?	
3. Using 4:11-15 what did the woman think Jesus meant (v11-12)? What was He really saying (v13-14) and how can we apply this? Did the woman understand (v15)?	

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