



Wells

Scripture: John 4:5-42

“My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”

Jeremiah 2:13

We all go to a _____.

For too long we have drunk from the well that never

_____.

But Jesus offers a different source.

It is the well that frees us from the _____ and _____ that keep us living as _____ people.

Jesus is more interested in her _____ than her

_____.

We each must come to the well of Christ's life and _____ to _____ it or we will continue returning to the _____ wells of our life.

It's not about _____ we know but _____ we know.

Start talking.

- What part of the city or country have you been warned about? What would have happened if you had gone there?
- Where was the “watering hole” in your home town, where everyone went to “hang out”?

Start thinking.

- As someone taught to despise the Samaritans, how would you feel when Jesus decided to go through Samaria instead of going the long way home?
- How would you describe the woman’s response to Jesus’ request? What do you think she was really saying?
- How is this conversation like the one between Jesus and Nicodemus?
- Why is it significant that Jesus chooses this woman as the first person he reveals his identity to?

Start sharing.

- What kind of wells have you been going to in your life?
- What social, ethnic, or religious barriers are difficult for you to break through?
- What aspects of this conversation can you use as a model for discussions with friends who are searching?

Start praying. *Be bold and pray with power.*

God, I’ve sought to be filled at many wells in my life, fill me with your Spirit that I may drink at the well that never runs dry. Fill my cup Lord and may it overflow with your love to those around me.

Start doing. *Commit to a step and live it out this week.*

- Pray daily for God to reveal Himself to you and one other person you choose to pray for.
- Pray for God’s filling in your life and ask God to overflow His abundant love to those you encounter.