



Wells, Buckets, and Living Water

Series: John

Scripture: John 4:1-26

Jesus reveals to each of us a _____ that only He can _____.

The Gospel _____ us right _____ we are in life.

The question is, are you _____?

- Do you have a “water pot” in your life that _____ you from the things of God?
 - _____ comes only through _____ in Christ.
- Do you think that the _____ is too _____?
- Do you put _____ on Christ?
 - Living water is not a _____ to be _____, but the free “gift of God” to be _____.
- Nothing but the *living water* that Jesus offers will quench our dry, thirsty souls.

The invitation is to _____ and _____.

- We never receive the water of eternal life until we become _____ of our sin, _____ it to God, and _____ on Christ.

In response, true _____ is centered in Spirit and Truth.

Start talking.

- When you were growing up, who were the people you were told not to associate with? What part of the city or country would you be warned about? What would have happened if you had gone there?

Start thinking. Read John 4:1-26

- As someone taught from birth to despise the Samaritans, how would you feel when Jesus decided to go through Samaria instead of taking the long way home?
- How would you describe the woman's response?
- How did Jesus turn the tables on her in verse 10?
- In the woman's reply, what is she really saying? How is she like Nicodemus?
- Why does Jesus change the topic of conversation so abruptly to her personal life (v.16)? What strikes you about the way he responds to her claim not to have a husband?
- Why do you think this woman changed the conversation to focus on a religious controversy? In the context of this scene, what does Jesus mean by telling her that God is interested in worshipers who will do so in "spirit and truth"?

Start sharing.

- What social, ethnic, or religious barriers are difficult for you to break through? How would Jesus relate to these people you find difficult?
- What aspects of Jesus' conversation could you use as a model for your own discussions with searching friends?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You. It's wonderful to know that no one is excluded from drinking the living water of life that You offer. Thank You that the living water You offer is freely given, comes without cost, and becomes a living spring within, that wells up into eternal life. May I drink deeply from the fountain of Your supply and resist the temptation to do things in my own strength. This I ask in Jesus' name, AMEN.

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

- Pay attention to moments where you may recognize your opportunity to bear witness to Jesus, both in word and deed.