



Discussion Questions Conversations With Jesus Week Five

1. Read John 4:1-9

Why are we told that Jesus *“had to go through Samaria”*?

Have you had a “have to” from God lately to be with people you might not normally connect with?

What details of John’s story jump out at you, and why do you think he includes them?

Put yourself in this woman’s sandals. What do you think she might be thinking & feeling as she approaches the well and sees Jesus?

2. Read John 4:10-15

What do you notice about this exchange?

What does this woman think Jesus is talking about?

What does Jesus mean by “living water?”

3. Read John 4:16-18

Why does Jesus shift the conversation here to this woman’s husbands, and how do her husbands relate to the “living water” he’s offering?

Where do you tend to look for soul refreshment, satisfaction, security, peace, hope, and joy?

It’s been said of this woman that the light of truth gets shined on her, and she just stands there & keeps asking questions.

How does she model what a real follower looks like?

Compare who she is and her response to Nicodemus. How are these two characters opposite, and what do you think the message is in this?

4. Read John 4:19-26

In this section, Jesus steps right into a racial divide that goes back hundreds of years. What does it teach us that Jesus crosses racial, gender, cultural & moral lines to offer living water to this woman? Considering its Black History Month, what could it look like for you to be like Jesus in our divided world today?

5. Read John 4:27-30, 39-42

What about this woman's testimony do you think had an impact?

What are the overall messages of this story that John wants us to understand about the Heavenly life with Jesus?