

GENESIS

begin. belong. believe.

a story of redemption... John 4

Big Idea

Jesus encounters a woman at the well. Breaking all kinds of social conventions he offers her freedom from the idols (“husbands”) that she has wrapped her life around. Instead Christ offers her himself as a gift of grace and mercy. This results in her own redemption and freedom and the redemption of many others through her story and telling those around her.

Questions for Discussions

1. What do you need to be set free from? Another way to think about this is to ask what are your idols (“husbands”) that you are looking to for significance and meaning in your life?

2. Are the things we’re chasing or looking to for significance working out for us? Are they filling us and giving us meaningful lives, or are they draining us?

3. How does [Jeremiah 2:13](#) connect to the woman at the well? Why do we go to broken cisterns instead of going to Christ for living water?

[Jeremiah 2:13](#) *“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.”*

4. In light of the Lewis quote below, how are we doing at believing the promises of Christ in the gospel? Do we believe that Jesus is enough to satisfy us, or do we settle for less?

“Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

- C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

5. The woman at the Well had a testimony that was short but powerful: [John 4:29](#) – *“Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”* What is your testimony? How would you articulate to those around you the impact your Encounter with Jesus has had on you? Who are you sharing this testimony with?