

Week # 3
“Just Give Me Jesus” Series
Cedar Grove Church – February 28, 2016
Participants Guide

“The Making & Remaking of a Samaritan Woman”
(John 4:1-42)
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GROUP DISCUSSION:

This is a powerful account of personal transformation. Be open to let it speak to you.

1. What do you make of the phrase in John 4:4 that Jesus “had to go through Samaria?”
2. Share what you know about the animosity between many Jews and the Samaritans. Does this help you understand any better why it was shocking that Jesus spoke to this Samaritan woman.
3. When Jesus asked the woman from Sychar for a drink from Jacob’s well he broke cultural taboos. Why do you think this did not bother him – that he was willing to do this?
4. If we look at this encounter as an example of how to witness, or to share our faith with someone else, what are some principles or guidelines you observe at work here in what Jesus said and did?
5. The role of “shame” seems to have been powerful in this woman’s life. Have you experienced shame at work in your life or someone you know well and what was its effect?
6. What do you understand Jesus wants to do with your shame, your pain, and how does he do this?
7. Among other things, we are each emotional beings. Was there anything in this story that touched you emotionally, and if so, how did you feel?
8. What is this “living water” that Jesus spoke of?
9. Have you experienced this “living water?” If yes, what are some specific ways in which your life has been touched by drinking this living water of Jesus?
10. The speaker on Sunday described the progression of the interaction of Jesus with the Samaritan woman as: “I see you, I know you, I love you, and you belong to me.” Have you experienced this progression in your life and, if so, share with the group how it happened for you.
11. If you have not experienced this yet, would you like to? What do you think you need to know or do to realize this in your life? (Feel free to ask your Life Group leader to help you with this).

PRAYER: Pray for each other as you close, and for specific needs that have been shared in the group.