



## Sermon Discussion Guide

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

*Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.*

**Key Point: Jesus saves us; He doesn't shame us.**

### Life Sharing: (answer one)

1. When you were growing up, were there people your family did not associate with, such as friends that your parents asked you not to hang out with.
2. Did your parents ever catch you doing something wrong as a kid? What happened?

### Transition / Open in prayer

3. Describe a time when you felt left out, or you were excluded. Why did it happen and what did it feel like?

### Life Examination:

*READ John 4:7-26*

4. What do these verses tell us about the woman by the well?
5. What is the water Jesus is offering to this woman?
6. How is the worship of Samaritans different from the worship of Jews, according to this passage?
7. What do you think Jesus means by worshiping "in spirit and in truth"?
8. What other question do you have about this interaction between Jesus and the woman?

*READ John 4:27-39*

9. Why do you think Jesus used water and food as illustrations of spiritual realities?
10. What do the fields represent in Jesus' story (vs. 35-36)? Who is the sower and the reaper?

### Life Application:

11. How do people reveal their spiritual hunger?
12. What is a thirst or hunger in your life that Jesus can fulfill or has taken care of?
13. Jesus confronted the woman by the well with some of the hurt in her life. What are some ways that Jesus confronts people today with the truth?
14. How would you connect the reaping and sowing image from John 4 with the story about the 4 soils in Matthew 13?

**Life Prayers:** Pray for one another and ask God to fill your spiritual thirst in Jesus.