



I Shall Not Want

Living Water

- **For New Groups:** Spend some time getting to know each other before you dive into the bible study questions.
- What is something that stuck out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Everyone Answer: As a kid, did you ever have a rival? Who was your enemy growing up and why?
 - How likely was it that you and this person would ever become friends?
 - Did you have any friends that were also friends with your rival? What was that dynamic like?
 - What was the result? Did you remain rivals for life? Was there ever any reconciliation?
- Read John 4:1-26
 - Compare and Contrast what is happening here with last weeks passage about Nicodemus.
 - The Jews and the Samaritans had a long history of hatred toward each other. How does this knowledge impact the importance of this story to you?
 - What would the Jews think if they knew that their Messiah was conversing with the enemy?
They would not think this person is their Messiah at all.
 - V.4 states that Jesus "had" to go through Samaria, but it doesn't say why. A study of the Greek word for "had" implies that it was by choice not by geographical confines that Jesus "had" to go through Samaria. Rather, there was something Jesus "had" to do in Samaria. How does this understanding of the word "had" affect how you understand this passage?
 - Jesus engaged the conversation with this detestable Samaritan woman out in the daylight while Nicodemus had to sneak in the dark to find Jesus. What does this tell you about the difference between Samaritans and Jews where Jesus was concerned?
- Apply your understanding of what is happening in this passage to modern times. What are some similarities you see between the "Jews and Samaritans" and "Christians and the world".
- Who is Jesus for?
- Do you believe that only Jesus can satisfy your deepest needs?
- Pastor Dave has asked all of us to be praying for someone that we will invite to Easter Services. Spend time as a group praying for these people.