



GOSPEL OF JOHN

A Small Group Bible Study

CHAPTER 4

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This Bible study is designed for small group study. The small group discussion format for Bible study involves a weekly live discussion of a passage of scripture previously studied individually or with a partner. Ideally, you and your fellow small group members will study and develop answers daily to the six days of study questions, then meet as a group to discuss your answers. Some enjoy working alone to develop their answers, while others such as couples or friends like to work in pairs. At the weekly meetings discussion leaders facilitate the group in answering the questions. The idea is to share insights, explore the Bible together, and benefit from group discussion of biblical principles.

This format is designed to challenge the student to study the Bible on a daily basis, discuss and share insights with others, and learn biblical truths that can be applied in daily life. Daily study can take as little as 15 minutes but is typically 30 minutes. The weekly discussion can easily last an hour, and may easily take 90 minutes or longer with groups that are comfortable or familiar with one another. The facilitator should allow all to share, but keep the group on track and ensure that opinions do not trump the truth of God's Word.

Discussion leaders do not have all the answers and should not be expected to have them – they should be expected to: 1) be knowledgeable on Biblical doctrine; 2) understand how to facilitate group discussion; and 3) know how to say *"I don't know"*. Discussion leaders and students can learn from each other and learn more about the life of Jesus Christ together. It may surprise you how much you can learn from this format. Let me know how it works out for you, I would love to hear from you. God Bless,

Tim Scott

DAY ONE

1. What was it that persuaded Jesus to leave Judea as shown at the beginning of the Gospel of John Chapter 4?

2. What do we learn of the background of the Samaritan people from 2 Kings 17:22-41?

3. Do you see any irony in the Gospel of John Chapter 4 verses 7 through 15; if so, what is it?

DAY TWO

1. Describe what do you think may have been the Samaritan woman's changing perception of Jesus from his questions or statements to her as outlined below from the Gospel of John Chapter 4 verses 7 through 18:

- "Give me to drink."

- "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."

- "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

- "Thou hast well said, I have no husband: 18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly."

DAY THREE

1. Why did Jesus ask the woman to call her husband and come back in the Gospel of John Chapter 4 verse 16 if he knew she had no husband as shown in verses 17 and 18?

2. The woman basically agreed Jesus was right about the man she was with was not her husband in her statement *Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.* What are the possible reasons for her turning the conversation to a topic of the difference of places of worship?

3. List 5 truths from Jesus' statement to the woman in the Gospel of John Chapter 4 verses 21 through 24.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

DAY FOUR

1. Do you think the woman believed Jesus' statement of these truths in the Gospel of John Chapter 4 verses 21-24? Why or why not?

2. In the Gospel of John Chapter 4 verse 29 the woman said to the townspeople "*Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?*" What strikes you about how she explains her conversation with Jesus?

3. List 3 things the woman actually knows about Jesus based on her encounter with him.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

DAY FIVE

1. List 5 things Jesus tells his disciples in the Gospel of John Chapter 4 verses 35-38.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

2. Why did Jesus say what is related in the Gospel of John Chapter 4 verses 34-38 to his disciples and what lesson for daily living do we learn from this?

3. Contrast the focus and results of Jesus to the focus and results of his disciples.

DAY SIX

1. Read Matthew 13:53-58 and Mark 6:1-6. What are the three examples Jesus gives for the types of people who would not honor him?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2. Why is it hard for a prophet to be honored in his own country?

3. What actions indicated the faith of the royal official?

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