WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL · PRINT EDITION

Living Water

The Gospel of John: Why Should I Believe? · Week 12 · November 29, 2026

JOHN 4:14 (ESV)

…whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

HOW THIS WORKS

- Five days, Monday through Friday — about ten minutes each. Every day has a prayer to open, a short reading, something to think about, one action step, and a prayer to close.
- This week's homework runs underneath all five days: Write down the name of one person God is speaking to you about. Take time with them this week to show and tell them about the real Jesus.
- Keep a pen with it. The lines are part of the devotional.
- Prefer your phone? The same devotional is online each week at thesummit.life → The Gospel of John → Reading Plan.

THIS WEEK

Sunday Pastor Jeff asked how far we would go to reach someone. Jesus answers with His feet. He walks into Samaria, sits down tired beside a well at noon, and waits for one woman everyone else avoided. This week you will take their conversation one piece at a time: the Savior who seeks the overlooked, the living water only He gives, the kindness that names our brokenness, the worship the Father is seeking, and the changed life that runs to tell someone else.



Where were they? Mount Gerizim (left) and Mount Ebal (right), with ancient Shechem between them. Jacob's well (John 4:6) lies at the foot of these two mountains. "This mountain" in John 4:20 is Gerizim.

DAY 1 · MONDAY

He Had to Pass Through Samaria

JOHN 4:1–9 · LUKE 19:10

Opening prayer

Lord, thank You for coming to find me. Show me who You are sending me to. Amen.

Read John 4:1–9, and use the photo on the first page to find your bearings. Jesus leaves Judea for Galilee, and John says "he had to pass through Samaria." Pastor Jeff said the Father had work for Him at one field, at one well, outside a town called Sychar: a woman who needed the truth and a community that needed to meet the Promised One.

Notice the details. Jesus is "wearied as he was from his journey." It is "about the sixth hour," noon, the hottest part of the day. Nobody draws water at noon unless they are avoiding the people who come in the cool of the morning. In chapter 3 a respected teacher named Nicodemus came to Jesus at night so no one would see him. Now a Samaritan woman comes at noon for the same reason.

Then Jesus speaks to her: "Give me a drink." She is stunned. "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" There were centuries of hostility between Jews and Samaritans. Pastor Jeff said Jesus was not allowing centuries of prejudice to determine who He would love and offer eternal life to.

Read Luke 19:10. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Sunday Pastor Jeff asked, How far would you go to reach someone? This is how far Jesus went: a long, hard walk to sit by a well and wait for one person everyone else avoided. As busy as He was, Jesus always had time for people.

Jesus did not run into her. He went looking for her. He came looking for you, too.

Reflect

Who went out of their way to bring Jesus to you? And who around you is easy to overlook or avoid? Write down the names that come to mind.

Today's action step

Start this week's homework today. Ask God, "Who are You speaking to me about?" Write the one name that comes to mind on a card, and keep it where you will see it.

Closing prayer

Jesus, You went out of Your way for me. Give me Your eyes for the person I would rather walk around. Amen.

DAY 2 · TUESDAY

Never Thirsty Again

JOHN 4:10–15 · JEREMIAH 2:13

Opening prayer

Lord, I keep going back to wells that run dry. Show me what only You can give. Amen.

Read John 4:10–15. Jesus answers her surprise with an offer: “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” Pastor Jeff said Jesus was not being rude. He was gaining her attention so He could speak directly to her need.

She is thinking about the well. It is deep, He has no bucket, and Jacob himself drank from it. Jesus is thinking about her. “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.” Everyone who ever came to Jacob’s well came back, over and over. That is true of every well this world offers.

Read Jeremiah 2:13. God says His people have “forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.” A cistern only stores what you carry to it. A spring is different. Jesus says His water “will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” Pastor Jeff described it as a spring that leaps and gushes out from within.

And notice the price. It is “the gift of God.” No payment is asked. She only has to ask, and she does: “Sir, give me this water.” She does not yet understand what she is asking for. Jesus is about to show her.

Every other well makes you come back. Jesus puts a spring inside you.

Reflect

What do you keep going back to, hoping this time it will satisfy? Name the well.

Today’s action step

Pray by name for the person on your card. Then ask yourself what well they keep returning to. That is often where a conversation about Jesus begins.

Closing prayer

Jesus, You are the gift of God. I am asking: give me this water. Amen.

DAY 3 · WEDNESDAY

What You Have Said Is True

JOHN 4:16–18 · PSALM 139:1–4

Opening prayer

Lord, You already know all of it. Help me stop hiding. Amen.

Read John 4:16–18. She has just asked for living water, and Jesus answers, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” It sounds like a change of subject. It is not. “I have no husband,” she says. Jesus replies, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband.”

Pastor Jeff said Jesus is not condemning her. He is diagnosing her deep thirst. We don’t know what happened in those marriages. She may have been abandoned, widowed, or divorced. What we know is that five times she looked for completeness and ended up empty. Now we understand why she walks to the well alone at noon. Her life, like so many lives, was built on longing.

Read Psalm 139:1–4. “O LORD, you have searched me and known me!” David says God is “acquainted with all my ways.” Being fully known can feel like a threat. At the well it turns out to be mercy. Jesus knew every chapter of her story before He sat down, and He made the trip anyway.

Jesus loves us enough to put His finger on the place we least want touched: the thing we have used in place of Him. He names the wound because He intends to heal it, and His offer of living water still stands.

Jesus does not expose you to shame you. He shows you your thirst so He can satisfy it.

Reflect

Where is Jesus putting His finger in your life right now? What have you asked to fill a place only He can fill?

Today’s action step

Tell God the truth about that place today, in plain words. Then pray again for the person on your card. They are thirstier than they look.

Closing prayer

Father, You have searched me and known me, and You came anyway. Thank You. Amen.

DAY 4 · THURSDAY

In Spirit and Truth

JOHN 4:19–24 · ROMANS 12:1

Opening prayer

Father, You are seeking worshipers. Make me one. Amen.

Read John 4:19–24. Pastor Jeff said the nerve was too raw, so she changes the subject: “Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” Look at the photo on the first page. “This mountain” is Mount Gerizim, rising right above the well. When Israel entered the land, the blessings of God’s law were spoken from Gerizim and the curses from Mount Ebal across the valley (Deuteronomy 27:11–13). The Samaritans had worshiped on Gerizim for generations.

Jesus does not dodge. “You worship what you do not know.” The Samaritans kept only the first five books of the Bible, so their picture of God was incomplete. Then He tells her something new: “The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.”

Pastor Jeff explained both halves. To worship in spirit is to worship from our innermost being, from a heart made new and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. No mountain or temple is required, so we can come to the Father anytime, anywhere. To worship in truth is to worship God as He really is: worship directed to the Father, made possible through the Son, and enabled by the Holy Spirit, based on the whole Bible and not just the verses we like.

Read Romans 12:1. Paul calls offering your whole self to God “your spiritual worship.” And don’t miss verse 23: “the Father is seeking such people to worship him.” The woman came looking for water. The Father came looking for a worshiper.

The question is no longer where you worship. It is whether you know the One you worship.

Reflect

Which do you drift toward: feeling without truth, or truth without heart? What would worship look like on an ordinary Thursday?

Today’s action step

Worship somewhere that is not a church today: in the car, at the sink, on a walk. Thank the Father out loud for three true things about Him. Then pray for the person on your card.

Closing prayer

Father, I worship You through Your Son and by Your Spirit. Teach me to know You as You are. Amen.

DAY 5 · FRIDAY

I Who Speak to You Am He

JOHN 4:25–30 · 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

Opening prayer

Jesus, show me who You are, and send me to someone who needs to know. Amen.

Read John 4:25–26. She reaches for the last thing she knows: “I know that Messiah is coming.” Jesus answers, “I who speak to you am he.” Pastor Jeff noted that this is the first “I am” Jesus speaks in John’s Gospel, and He gives it to a Samaritan woman at a well. She is just a sinner, like you and me. But Jesus opens her eyes and gives her heart a new and true affection.

Now read John 4:28–30. “So the woman left her water jar and went away into town.” She came for water and forgot the jar. The woman who walked out at noon to avoid people runs back to find them. “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” And the town comes out to meet Him.

She has no training and a past everyone knows. All she has is what Jesus did for her and two words: “Come, see.” Pastor Jeff put it this way: Jesus uses changed lives to reach other lives in need. Read 2 Corinthians 5:20. “We are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.”

So here is the question Pastor Jeff left us with: Who is God speaking to you about? Jesus went out of His way to sit and talk with a woman so lost she didn’t know she needed Him until He sat right in front of her. Someone near you is in the same place. Their name has been on your card all week.

Jesus went out of His way for you. Go out of your way for them.

Reflect

What has Jesus done for you that you could tell in two or three sentences? Write it here. Then write when you will take time with the person on your card.

Today’s action step

Take your step today. Call, text, or sit down with the person God has put on your heart. Show them and tell them about the real Jesus, and invite them: “Come, see.”

Closing prayer

Jesus, You are the Christ. Use my changed life to reach one more. Amen.

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday: Week 13 · The Savior of the World · John 4:27–42 · December 6, 2026. Memory verse this week: John 4:14.