

8. When Jesus confronts you with sin and failure in your life, do you ever change the subject as the woman did (4:17-20)? Pray about this. When Jesus confronts you, why does He do it, and how does He want you to respond?

9. What do you think it means to worship “in spirit and in truth” (4:23-24)? Do you worship God in spirit and truth? Think and pray about how you can do this more fully, with God’s help. What kinds of things can block a person or group from worshipping in spirit and truth?

**Let’s Pray:**

*Care Net Pregnancy Center of Dane County*

Pray that they would be fully funded for this upcoming year; that God would direct those in crisis pregnancies to seek counsel, be helped, and for the lives of babies to be preserved; that many would be introduced to Jesus Christ and grow in their relationship with him.

Pray for your church and growth group to be able to worship in spirit and truth more. Ask God to help you set an example of true spiritual worship.

# Sermon Notes

“Samaritan Woman at the Well”

John 4:1-42

June 5, 2016

**Introduction:**

**1. Setting**

**2. Drama**

**3. Their Conversation**

**4. Three Defensive Strategies**

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## Conclusion:

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 6-5-16

Questions adapted from Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., John: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, pp. 59-62; Douglas Connelly, John: The Way to True Life, Intersivity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 2002, pp. 18-20; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 161-62.

## Getting Started:

1. How do people satisfy their hungers and thirsts in life?

## Digging Deeper:

2. Read John 4:1-42. The “sixth hour” (4:6) is about noon. Do you think it is significant that this woman chose to draw water at noon rather than waiting until the more customary sunset? If so, how?
3. How does Jesus apparently feel about Samaritans? (Give evidence from the story.)

4. How does the woman of Sychar identify Jesus in each of the following verses?

4:9

4:11

4:19

4:29

5. Who are the “Samaritans” in your world – the people with whom decent or orthodox people have nothing to do? How can you treat one of them as Jesus treated the woman of Sychar? What would help such a person to recognize and believe in Jesus?

6. Is Jesus’ living water leaping and welling up inside of you? How is its presence or absence affecting your life? What can you do to allow the living water to well up in you (4:14)?

7. When Jesus reveals the woman’s immoral life, she tries to change the subject back to “religion” and the dispute between Jews and Samaritans (4:19-20). However, how is Jesus’ view of worship different from hers (4:21-24)?