



## Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 8 May 2022

### Please read John 4.1-9

1. Why did Jesus have to go through Samaria – and why was this unusual for a religious Jew from Judea?
2. Why was Jesus' speaking with a woman also unusual?
3. What does this encounter (that Jesus has tired himself to create) tell us about our God?

### Please read John 4.10-26

*Verse 10 is at the heart of the conversation –*

*If you knew the gift of God – (the Living Water of the Spirit) – on offer to you*

*And if you knew who was stood in front of you – offering it to you*

*You would ask Him for this Living Water*

*And He would give it to you.*

*In the remainder of the conversation, Jesus helps her understand her deepest thirst, the nature of the Living Water on offer, and His identity.*

4. What was preventing her from asking for the gift of living water from Jesus when she first met him?
5. What prevents your family, friends, colleagues and neighbours from asking God for the gift of living water for themselves?
6. How does Jesus help her understand her deepest thirst? What is her deepest thirst?
7. Jesus describes the living water on offer as – '*a spring of water welling up to eternal life*' – how does this help us understand the gift and work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer in Jesus?
8. In response to her confusion/ deflection about religious worship (v21-22) – Jesus in v23 says, *23 "a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."* What does Jesus mean by '*worship in the Spirit and in truth*'?
9. The woman discerns how truth will come (v25), and Jesus responds by revealing His true identity. How had Jesus helped her throughout the conversation to come to a place of knowing and trusting him – and being willing to receive the Living Water he had to offer?
10. How might we follow the model of Jesus as we share Jesus and the offer of the gift of the Spirit with others?
11. Please read **John 4.28-29 & 39-42** – What is happening here?
12. Are you thirsty? What is your deepest thirst? How can you receive the Living Water of the Spirit?