

SERMON SERIES

JOHN | PROCLAIM HIM

John 4:39–45 · A Living Water Mentality

MAIN IDEA

Jesus crosses every barrier to reach a thirsty soul. Once we receive His living water, we live filled by His grace and eager to tell others where to find it.

BACKGROUND

In John 3, Jesus talks with Nicodemus, a respected religious leader. In John 4, He talks with a Samaritan woman with a complicated past, the kind of person everyone expected Jesus to avoid. Jesus crossed racial, religious, social, and moral barriers to offer her living water. We are the woman at the well, and she shows us how to live once we have received it.

01 Originates with God's Grace

She didn't deserve the conversation, but Jesus met her anyway, and it transformed her life.

- Grace is God's favor toward the unworthy. Why do you think Jesus talked to someone everyone else avoided?
- Is there anyone you think is too far away or too different for Jesus to reach? What does this story say about them?

02 Motivates Us to Take Initiative

When you find what finally satisfies, you can't help but tell others where to find it.

- She tried to fill her thirst with relationships. What do people use to try to feel satisfied, and why do those things leave us thirsty again?
- She left her water jar and ran to tell the whole town. What would it look like for our family to share what Jesus has done for us?

03 Equips Us for Creative Conversations

Jesus found common ground, learned her story, affirmed what was right, corrected what was wrong, and left the door open.

- Jesus started with something simple: water. What do you have in common with a friend or neighbor that could open a conversation about Jesus?
- Many Samaritans called Jesus "the Savior of the world" (v. 42). Which of these steps feels easiest for you, and which feels hardest?

THIS WEEK

As a family, name one person who might feel "too far away" from Jesus. Pray for them by name, then plan one simple, creative way to start a conversation with them this week.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for crossing every barrier to reach us. We did not deserve Your grace, but You gave us living water anyway. Give us courage to tell others where to find You. You are the Savior of the world. Amen.