**The Well of Living Water**

A study of John 4:1-42

Session 1

* **Jesus is full of grace and truth**; they are inseparable (John 1:14)
  + Love without truth is sentimentality
  + Truth without love is legalism
* **Jesus is intentional, not judgmental**
* **Wells throughout Scripture represent Jesus as:**
  + **Savior** (Genesis 16:7, 13-14)
    - Jesus is the God who sees and saves
  + **Bridegroom** (Genesis 24:10-21, 29:1-12, Exodus 2:11-21)
  + **Redeemer** (Genesis 34:1-7)
* **Jesus is urgently on mission**
* **Jesus leads with empathy, not theology, invitation not condemnation**
* **Jesus redirects our worldly thoughts to heavenly thoughts**
* **Jesus satisfies eternally**
* **Jesus affirms her dignity, not her decisions**

*“But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again.   
It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.” – John 4:14*

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**Reflection Questions**

1. Jesus broke gender, ethnic, cultural, and religious barriers to meet with the Samaritan woman. How does knowing that Jesus pursues a relationship with you at all costs stir your heart to respond to Him? (see John 4:9)
2. How often do we take the longer route emotionally or spiritually to avoid conflict or being uncomfortable? Where are the “Samaria” and “Perea” places in your life?
3. When you avoid taking the path of Jesus, where does that lead you - spiritually, emotionally and relationally speaking?
4. What was the significance of Jesus arriving at the well at noon?   
   (see John 4:6, 19:14, 28)
5. Can you think of an instance that Jesus showed up for you at a breaking point, at your hottest hour? Have you thanked Him and allowed that experience to strengthen your faith for the present and future?
6. What “wells of the world” do you tend to draw from instead of Jesus?   
   (see John 4:13-14)
7. How has studying this passage affected how you might affirm someone’s dignity as an image bearer without affirming his/her decisions, if unbiblical?