

Firestarter: John

Scripture: John 4:1-26

Before you read

1. Gather a pen, paper, and highlighters (for marking in your Bible).
2. Pray, asking God for wisdom and understanding of the word you are about to read.
3. Read the section more than one time.
 - First, read to understand.
 - Second, read to notice.
 - Third, read for questions. Record your questions as you read and see if you can answer them. Then Choose 3 questions from the **observation section** and find the answers.
 - Fourth, mark all the words that refer to **water** and pay special attention to how Jesus talks to the woman.

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OBSERVATION:

Why do you think Jesus started the conversation with the woman at the well?

What does this conversation tell us about Jesus' purpose in ministry?

What is the “living water” Jesus talked about (vv. 10-11)?

Why is a person who drinks “living water” no longer thirsty?

What did Jesus mean by saying that the Samaritans worship someone they don't know much about? (See 4:22 note.)

What does it mean to worship God “in spirit and in truth”? (See 4:23-24 note.)

APPLICATION:

What does worship mean to you?

Is worship a solemn, subdued experience or an exuberant, exhilarating experience? Does it make you feel awkward, inspired, or nothing at all? The fact is that true worship is not just an experience;

it's a way of life. And true worship is not about you and your feelings; it's about God and His worthiness. He deserves honor regardless of your mood or situation. True worship involves more than singing songs, reciting prayers, or verbalizing words of praise in a worship service. It consists of a lifestyle that truly honors God and brings positive attention to Him. True, godly worship is a heartfelt expression of God's "worth-ship," from your spirit to His. It is our appropriate response to God's powerful presence and matchless character.

What does it mean to drink "Living water," and what does that have to do with your relationship with Jesus?

How do you best worship God?

What's the significance of "truth" as it relates to God?

How does truth relate to your life as a follower of Jesus?

ACTION Step: Ask God to guide you to talk to someone who is lonely, searching for answers, or in need of prayer. Start a conversation by showing interest in their needs and feelings. Trust God to direct you into deeper conversations about Jesus.

PRAY:

Take time today to worship God in your own words, acknowledging His attributes like love, wisdom, purity, power, justice, etc.

As you pray today, ask Jesus to help you reach out to spiritually thirsty people.

Ask Him to give you a thirst for a deeper relationship with Him, characterized by a lifestyle of sincere worship.