

Lesson Guide 12 – The Life of Jesus (The Woman at the Well)

John 4:1-42

Pre-class Activity – Starter Worksheet (Brainercise Answer: **River**, Who Am I: **Luke**)

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Prayer Requests

Praise
Thanksgiving
Concern
Grow up to be like Jesus

- Jesus Visits Samaria
- Jesus traveled through Samaria on his way to and from Galilee
As recorded in the Gospel of John, Jesus made 4 trips to Jerusalem during his ministry.
- Who were the Samaritans?
 - Samaritans were left after the Assyrians conquered the Northern.
 - The Samaritans believed in the God of Israel, but they worshipped at Mount Gerizim (instead of Jerusalem) with their own adapted worship practices.
 - Most Jews regarded the Samaritans as ignorant, superstitious, and outside of God’s favor and mercy.
 - Read Luke 9:51-56 (Samaritan Opposition)

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- Jesus requests water from the Samaritan woman
- Why was it unusual for Jesus to talk with Samaritan woman?
 - In first century, a woman’s place was thought to be in the home.
 - Women were responsible for raising the children, and maintaining the home.
 - Men were not to greet women in public.
 - At the Temple in Jerusalem, women were restricted to an outer court. In synagogues they were separated from the men.
- Jesus talks about giving living water
- Jesus asks the woman to get her husband
- The Samaritan woman talks about where to worship
- Map – Location of Sychar and Mount Gerizim
- Worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth
- Jesus reveals himself as the Christ
- Samaritan woman returns to town and tells people about Jesus
- Many Samaritans believe

Discussion Questions

Question 1: How can we follow the example of Jesus in crossing social barriers such as race and gender?

Question 2: What does it mean to you to worship “in Spirit and in Truth”?

Question 3: The Samaritans wanted Jesus to stay with them because they realized He was the Savior of the world. Why do some people want Jesus to stay, but others want Him to leave?

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