



ENGLISH CORNER

Lesson 5: John 4:7-10,13

Main Points:

- The road through Samaria was one that was often avoided by Jews in Jesus' day. Jesus choosing to go through there and then stay for 2 days shows His love for all people. He is proactive in showing His love for us and making himself known to us.
- There were a lot of reasons that society thought Jesus should not be talking with the Samaritan woman: she was a woman, she was a Samaritan, and her reputation was questionable. None of the things that kept other people away from her kept Jesus away.
- Jesus described himself as “the gift of God.” Gifts are not earned or paid for; they are given freely – and all one must do is receive them.
- Jesus uses a physical need – thirst – to point to a deeper spiritual need. Water is a physical need of every human on earth. Jesus was offering living water which leads to eternal life.

Opening Activity: Would you Rather? Read through the scenarios on the sheet provided and talk with students about which option they would choose.

Would You Rather?

- **Would you rather** live somewhere that is always hot **or** always cold?
- **Would you rather** only be able to jump everywhere you go **or** only be able to walk on your hands?
- **Would you rather** be super smart **or** super athletic?
- **Would you rather** be an amazing dancer **or** an amazing singer?
- **Would you rather** be able to run incredibly fast **or** jump incredibly high?

Application: In the game we just played, you were faced with two different choices in different situations. We all face choices every day – and we’re always evaluating what is the best option. In our verses tonight, we’re going to look at John 4 and read about a woman who was offered two choices by Jesus. Let’s take a look together.

Vocabulary: **Samaritan** (person living in Samaria) **Disciples** (people who followed Jesus and learned from him) **Draw** (take out) **Associate** (talk to, spend time with) **Thirsty** (needing something to drink)

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⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.^[a])

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

¹³ Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst.

1. What are some ways that we use water every day?
2. What did Jesus ask the Samaritan woman for?
3. When Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman she was surprised because at this time Jewish people and Samaritan people had a great distrust of one another. What does this show us about Jesus?
4. In verse 10, Jesus describes himself as a gift of God. What is unique about something being a gift?
5. What did Jesus say would happen to the person who drinks water from the well (verse 13)?
6. What will happen to the person that drinks the water Jesus offers (verse 14)?
7. How can we pray for one another this week?