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GROUP WORKSHEET · OBSERVE · INTERPRET · APPLY

John 4

Living Water for a Thirsty Town

NAME _____ DATE _____

KEY VERSE · JOHN 4:14 · NASB

"But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

A tired Jesus at a well, a woman with a past, a town that comes running, and a father who believes a word. Watch how Jesus moves each person from a need they feel to the gift they need.

BEFORE YOU ANSWER

1. Read John 4 straight through, then a second time slowly with a pen.
2. Mark what you see: God · commands · repeated words · sin / warnings · promises · time / place.
3. Answer from the text first. Write the verse number beside every answer.

COUNT THE KEY WORDS

Find each word in John 4. Tally it and note the verses. What does John keep coming back to?

WORD	HOW MANY?	VERSES
water		
worship		
believed		
Samaritan / Samaritans		
Father		
drink		

JOHN 4:1–6 The Road and the Well

1 OBSERVE

Where was Jesus going, which way did He have to go, and what condition was He in when He reached the well (4:3–6)?

2 INTERPRET

John uses the same "must" word here that he used in 3:7, 14 and 30. Was the road through Samaria a shortcut or an appointment?

JOHN 4:7–15 Living Water

3 OBSERVE

What does Jesus ask for, and why is the woman surprised (4:7–9)?

4 OBSERVE

Contrast the two waters in 4:13–14.

5 INTERPRET

What does Jesus mean by "living water"? Read 7:38–39 and Jeremiah 2:13.

6 APPLY

What broken cisterns have you dug for yourself, things you keep going back to that leave you thirsty again?

JOHN 4:16–26 Spirit and Truth

7 OBSERVE

What does Jesus tell the woman about her life (4:17–18), and how does she respond (4:19–20)?

8 WEIGH THE TEACHERS

Henry: "Reproofs are ordinarily most profitable when they are least provoking." Guzik: "her sinful life had to be confronted." Why did Jesus bring up her husband, and how did He do it without crushing her?

9 INTERPRET

What does it mean to worship "in spirit and truth" (4:23–24)?

10 OBSERVE

What does the woman say she knows, and how does Jesus answer (4:25–26)?

JOHN 4:27–42 The Harvest

11 OBSERVE

What does the woman leave behind, where does she go, and what does she say (4:28–29)?

12 INTERPRET

The disciples offer food; Jesus says, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me” (4:34). What fed Him at the well that bread could not?

13 OBSERVE

Why did the Samaritans first believe, and why did many more believe later (4:39–42)? What do they call Jesus?

14 APPLY

The woman’s whole message was “Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done.” What could your testimony sound like in one sentence?

JOHN 4:43–54 The Second Sign

15 OBSERVE

Who comes to Jesus in Cana, what does he want, and what does Jesus say first (4:46–48)?

16 OBSERVE

What does Jesus finally say, and what does the man do (4:50)? How does he confirm it (4:51–53)?

17 WEIGH THE TEACHERS

Guzik: "In fear, the nobleman ran from Capernaum to Cana; in faith he walked from Cana back to Capernaum." Spurgeon traces his faith from a spark to a blaze. Where is your faith on that road?

18 APPLY

What prayer are you waiting to see answered before you will trust His word on it?

WORD STUDY The Greek behind the English

19 WORD *proskyneō* · G4352 · to bow down, to worship

"Worship" words fill 4:20–24. What does the picture of bowing down add to Jesus' words about spirit and truth?

20 WORD *sōtēr* · G4990 · Savior

In the Gospels this title appears only in Luke 1:47, 2:11 and here (4:42). Who first called Jesus "the Savior of the world," and why is that striking?

PUT IT TOGETHER The chapter as a whole

The theme. In one or two sentences of your own, what is John 4 about?

Jesus. What does this chapter show you about who Jesus is that you want to remember?

This week. What one thing will you do because of this chapter, and which brother will you tell?

Around the table. Prayer requests and what the other men saw that you missed.