

For The One: Week 3

April 13, 2025

Icebreaker Ideas

1. What are your plans for Easter?
2. Who are you planning to invite for Easter?

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Message Summary

In John 4, Jesus engages in a surprising and life-changing conversation with a Samaritan woman. He crosses social, cultural, and religious boundaries to offer her what no one else could: living water. This moment teaches us how to have meaningful spiritual conversations—by seeing the one, starting where they are, and lovingly pointing them to truth.

We learn that:

- Jesus talks to people others avoid.
 - He starts with common ground and moves toward spiritual truth.
 - He reveals sin with compassion, not condemnation.
 - He redirects distraction to worship and identity.
 - He reveals Himself as Messiah to someone who never thought she'd be invited.
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Scripture for Discussion

John 4:1-26 (NLT)

Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard that he was baptizing and making more disciples than John 2 (though Jesus himself didn't baptize them—his disciples did). 3 So he left Judea and returned to Galilee. 4 He had to go through Samaria on the way. 5 Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. 7 Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." 8 He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. 9 The woman was

surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?” 10 Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.” 11 “But sir, you don’t have a rope or a bucket,” she said, “and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? 12 And besides, do you think you’re greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?” 13 Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. 14 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.” 15 “Please, sir,” the woman said, “give me this water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again, and I won’t have to come here to get water.” 16 “Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her. 17 “I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied. Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband— 18 for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!” 19 “Sir,” the woman said, “you must be a prophet. 20 So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?” 21 Jesus replied, “Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. 23 But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. 24 For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.” 25 The woman said, “I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” 26 Then Jesus told her, “I am the Messiah!”

Discussion Questions

- 1. What stands out to you most about Jesus’ conversation with the woman at the well?**
(What surprised you or challenged your perspective?)
- 2. Jesus crossed cultural and social lines to talk with her. What barriers do you think we face today in starting faith conversations with others?**
(Social awkwardness, fear of rejection, political tension, etc.)
- 3. Jesus used a normal moment (asking for water) to open a spiritual conversation. What are some natural ways we can bring up faith in our everyday relationships?**
(Work, parenting, struggles, kindness, curiosity, etc.)

4. **The woman tried to shift the conversation to religion and debate. How can we lovingly refocus spiritual conversations back to Jesus?**
(How do you avoid getting caught in arguments or distractions?)
5. **Who is someone in your life that might be spiritually “thirsty” right now? What’s one step you can take this week to reach out or start a conversation?**

Prayer

“Jesus, thank You for meeting us right where we are. Thank You for loving us even in our brokenness. Help us to see people the way You do. Give us the courage to cross barriers, ask questions, listen with compassion, and share Your hope with the ones You've placed in our lives. We pray for boldness, grace, and open doors. Use us, Lord, to lead someone closer to You this week. Amen.”

Challenge for the Week

Take Action This Week:

- Name them.
- Pray for them daily.
- Invite them to Easter at church.
- Believe for their story to become one heaven rejoices over.