

THE POINT OF IMPACT

WEEK 3

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a small group or Bible class.

She was an outcast. Five divorces will do that to you. Then she met a stranger who knew everything about her and still bestowed dignity on her. And she found her worth in a new kind of relationship.

1 In **John 4**, Jesus engaged a woman most avoided. What kind of thinking and courage does that take? **John 4:4** says, “Now he had to go through Samaria.” Share an example of a “divine appointment” you’ve had.

2 Read **John 4:5-10** There was a “high wall” around that well (the wall of race, gender, sin, and worthlessness). How did Jesus overcome these obstacles during his conversation with the woman? Think of at least one person in your life who often feels like this woman must have felt. What is one thing you can do to break down a wall in that relationship?

3 Read **John 4:13-18**. Does this give you a better idea of why she was at the well at noon and not in the early morning when women normally went to get water? What must her life have been like?

4 She kept trying to find her worth with men. What “wells” do you go to in order to find a sense of worth.

5 The woman thought she needed a bigger bucket, but Jesus knew she needed a better well; so he greatly exposed the futility of her search for “water.” How do you respond when the Holy Spirit reveals a “thirsty place” to you?

6 Only Jesus can satisfy the thirst for worth. Read **John 7:37-39**. The Holy Spirit saturates our hearts with the love of God. How do you experience this affirmation from the Holy Spirit? How does it change you?

7 The woman left her bucket at the well, but she carried water. She was a bucket for Jesus. Water this good must be shared. How do you share the living water of Jesus with others?