



First Loved

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Q—What does it mean to live loved?

... *God is love.* 1 John 4:8b (NIV)

This is love: not that we loved God, but

that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:10 (NIV)

Series in a Sentence: When you know you are loved, it makes all the difference in the world.

Today's Text: John 4:4-42

John 4:4-9 (NIV)

⇒ **Jesus is willing to do whatever it takes to _____ us where we are.**

⇒ **Jesus _____ something that the world can never give us.**

John 4:10-15 (NIV)

⇒ **Jesus gracefully but truthfully _____ the deep-down thirst for love.**

John 4:16-18 (NIV)

⇒ **When our love-thirsty soul is quenched, we can't help but tell others the _____.**

John 4:28-30, 39-42 (NIV)



Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

Theme: *Love Thirsty*

Warm Up: Growing up, where was the “watering hole” in your hometown where everyone hung out?

Sermon Response: What impacted you most from Sunday’s message?

Read Together: John 4:1-18, 25-26, 39-42

Discuss:

- What were the social, religious, gender and other barriers that Jesus broke?
- In talking to this woman at the well, how does Jesus show love? How is his example a challenge to you, to reach out to others who are not like you?
- What is it about what Jesus offers to this woman that is about more than water?
- How do we drink Jesus’ “living water” ourselves?
- Based on the limited information we have about this woman at the well, what do you think she was like? What can you speculate about her past?
- Why do you think Jesus takes a drastic pivot in the conversation, from talking about water to this woman’s personal life?
- How does Jesus teach us to speak the truth to others in love, by using the woman’s thirst as a starting point to confront an issue in her life?
- What is so significant about Jesus choosing this woman as the first person to whom he revealed that He is Messiah? (v. 25-26) How does that show that His mission is not just for a select few?
- What is the woman’s response to Jesus’ love and acceptance towards her? How does that affect her and her community?
- How is our own community thirsty for love? How can we help satisfy this thirst as a community?

Prayer: Take time to share prayer needs as well as updates on what God is doing in each other’s lives.