

WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

LESSON 7

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of the **Bleeding Woman** was helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read John 4:1-14

2. According to **V1-6**, what are the circumstances under which Jesus is sitting alone beside a well?
 - Why (**V1-3**)?
 - Where (**V4-6**)?
 - When (**V6**)?
3. a) What are some possible reasons the woman was surprised that Jesus initiated contact (by asking a question) in **V7-9**?

b) How did Jesus initiate contact with you? Was there any aspect of it that surprised you?
4. How did Jesus continue revealing Himself to the Samaritan woman in **V10**?
5. What does the woman's response reveal about her and her understanding of Jesus so far in **V11-12**?
6. a) Describe what Jesus offered the Samaritan woman in **V13-14**.

b) In essence, what was Jesus saying to her?

6. c) Have you drunk this "Living Water"? Share briefly.

SECTION II: Read John 4:15-26

7. In **V15**, put in your own words how the Samaritan woman responded to Jesus' offer?

8. Why do you think Jesus brought up the topic of her husband(s) just after the woman expressed desire for the living water?

9. What do her responses to His convicting words say about her in the following verses?

V19 _____

V20 _____

10. As you receive His teachings, how do you respond to Jesus' loving convictions of your behavior and attitude?

11. a) What profound truths did Jesus unveil in **V21-22**?

b) What is the Father looking for in **V23-24**, and what does that mean?

12. What did the woman realize (and not realize) in **V25**?

13. What did Jesus reveal to her in **V26**?

14. The Samaritan Woman's understanding of Jesus grew from "Sir" to "prophet" to "Messiah." Describe a time (maybe it's now) when you grew in understanding of who Jesus is to you personally.

SECTION III: Read John 4:27-30, 39-42

15. a) What new purpose did the Samaritan woman grab ahold of in **V28-29**?
- b) How does she inspire you as you live out your purpose of sharing who Jesus is?
16. How do the townspeople respond, and what contributed to them believing in Jesus, according to **V30, 39-42**?
17. a) The Samaritan woman's story has a mixture of "the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" in it. Write a truth that touches you from any aspect of her story.
- b) Write a prayer based on this truth.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. a) How does **Hebrews 4:13** tie into the Samaritan woman's story?
- b) What does **Hebrews 4:13** convey to you?
2. Like the Samaritan woman, David's past sexual sin of adultery was uncovered...this time through a person, the prophet Nathan (**2 Samuel 11-12**).
- a) What was it like before David honestly confessed his sin, according to **Psalms 32:3-5**?
- b) How does David express the climax to his confession in **Psalms 51:4a**, and what is noteworthy about that?
- c) In light of the Samaritan woman and David's story, pick a verse from **Psalms 32** or **51** that speaks most powerfully to you and tell why.

3. Suggested Memory Verse: **John 4:14**

