

JOHN 4:4-29

1. Begin your reading time with a short prayer (an example):
 - a. Dear Jesus, please help us to hear your Word and know you better. Guide our conversation and help us to grow to love and know you better. Amen.
2. Read the Passage together (aloud) once. And then take time to look at it a second time.
3. What stands out to you? Is there a word, phrase... etc. Discuss the words that stand out for both of you. This is a great place to wonder and contemplate what Jesus is saying or doing.
4. Where was Jesus resting? What "region"? Why is this important? (A little background information: Jews and Samaritans did NOT get along... They hated each other.)
5. What time of day is this happening? Is there anything peculiar about this? (Think about the climate: the weather would be beating down the hottest at this time of day. Most women would not have gone to the well at noon but at a time more favorable for the getting and carrying heavy water from a well - usually in the morning; and it was a social event as well)
6. Why might this woman want to be at the well by herself to get water? (She is avoiding ostracism)
7. What does Jesus request of the woman? (Also, note, men and women did not usually talk in public)
8. Why is the woman so suspicious at first?
9. What does Jesus offer the woman? How does she respond (she has two initial responses... look at the second response)?
10. Why would living water be so appealing to her?
11. How does living water appeal to you? What do you think Living Water is representing here?
12. Why do you think Jesus reminds her of her past? What do you think His voice sounded like?
13. How does naming your sin and weakness actually help in the long run? How can you acknowledge your sin? (Here's a plug to go to Reconciliation - I am not advocating you have a long conversation as Confirmand and Sponsor about your areas of sin... just where to bring it).
14. Take a moment and watch one director's interpretation of this scene by following this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ordhsDeAt60>
15. How does the way Jesus approach the woman compare with how you imagined it?
16. What kind of thirst is Jesus speaking of? What do you thirst for?
17. What does the woman do with her buckets of water? Why did she leave them?
18. How can Jesus satisfy your deepest desires? Can He? Will you let Him?
19. What can you do this week to seek Jesus (be specific)?
20. Close in a short prayer.

