

John 4

John 4:1-4

John makes a few assumptions about what the audience knows.

John 4:5-42

Assumption #1: Gender and racial lines were crossed by Jesus.

John 4:9 (NLT) 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?”

Lesson learned: Everyone is _____ on the journey.

Assumption #2: That we have read and understand Old Testament symbolism

John 4:10 (NLT) 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.”

Lesson learned: All scripture is _____ together by God.

2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT) All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

Assumption #3: Who benefited from this story?

John 4:40-41 (NLT) When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, long enough for many more to hear his message and believe.

Lesson learned: _____ matters.

John 4:43-54

Assumption #4: That we understand why he bookends these three chapters with miraculous signs Jesus did in Galilee

John 4:44 (NLT) He himself had said that a prophet is not honored in his own hometown.

Lesson learned: There are seasons and _____ of your faith journey.

Final Challenge: What phase of _____ is Jesus on with you? Are you ready to move on or are you still learning the same lessons over and over again?

John 4 Discussion Questions

Read John 4:27. How do you think John found out the details of this story, obviously he wasn't there to hear the dialogue between Jesus and the woman himself? Why do you think the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus about her? Are you ever afraid to ask God something or pray about something? Why or why not? What question would you like to ask God that you never have?

Read John 4:25-26, 28-30, and 39-42. Many people believed in Jesus and were saved because of this woman. Look back through the scripture and identify the steps she went through to contribute to this harvest of souls. Will these steps work the same today as we share Jesus? Why or why not?

Read John 4:51-53. Have you ever had an experience like this; you were able to look back through an experience and see how God worked? Explain.

Both of these stories resulted in many people finding salvation through Jesus Christ. How can your journey of faith have the same result? What can you do this next week to move closer to this goal?