

## SUMMARY

In addition to fire, the other image for the Holy Spirit is water. Because the Spirit of God is the agent through which physical life (Psalm 104:30; Job 34:14-15) as well as spiritual life (John 3:6-7) are sustained, it makes sense that the Spirit of God should be referred to as water (Isaiah 44:3-4). Scripture tells us our life is like living in a desert-- in great need of God's presence (Isaiah 32:14). The Spirit wants to bring us life; not just a quantity of life, but a quality of life (John 3:13-14). Our problem comes when we seek other places to slake our thirst (Jeremiah 2:13). The route toward true happiness and joy is a life of keeping in step with the Spirit of God. This is done through discipline and obedience on a consistent basis. Otherwise, the fresh water of the Spirit in our life grows stale because we are content with our last drink. We don't drink in His presence on a continual basis and therefore don't have much of a longing to bring it to others – yet this is where some of the most abundant life is found: telling other people about where they can find water for their soul.

## BIBLE QUESTIONS

Read the following passages and write down some of the things that you observe both about the Jew's view of the Samaritans and vice versa. How did this affect Jesus? What did Jesus do as a reaction to all of this? What are the implications of this? (John 4; Luke 9:51-55; John 8:48; Luke 10:30-37; Luke 17:11-19; Acts 1:8; Acts 8:5)

## LIFE QUESTIONS

1. When have you felt spiritually thirsty lately? Did you go to the Spirit of God to quench your thirst or something else? If so, what was it and how did it affect you?
2. It seems as though the Samaritan woman was quenching her thirst through relationships. Have you ever experienced this before? Are you experiencing this now or know someone who is? How can someone break this habit?
3. Do you tend to worship God through spirit (worship, prayer, hearing God's voice, self-expression) or through truth (listening to sermons, reading and memorizing Scripture, studying theology)? How do you need to balance it out to experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit?
4. To experience the "spring of Living Water," we must put spiritual disciplines in place in our lives and practice seeking Him for Him and nothing else. Will you commit to the church-wide fast? If so, what are your hopes and hesitations on this?
5. In the end, it was Jesus' plan to meet this woman, converse with her and lead her to faith. What is your plan to bring the Holy Spirit's life giving, thirst-quenching presence to the people around you?

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