



STUDY GUIDE

August 14, 2022

**Message Series:**  
**Message Title:**  
**Teaching Pastor:**

**On the Water**  
Woman at the Well  
Bryan Pope

**Warm-up/Icebreaker:**

Share a summer highlight involving water.

**Pray:**

Dear Lord, thank You that Your mercies are new every morning and that Your faithfulness never fails. Thank You, that You are interested in every area of our lives and that despite our many faults and failings, You have promised to lead and to guide us in all things. And thank You Lord, that You have promised to supply the sufficient grace we need in every situation of our lives. Help us to hear from You and learn more about that gift of grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Get Started:**

- Share about a time when you were either without water or when you experienced intense thirst.

**Read John 4:1-26.**

- What happens to the Jew/Samaritan conflict throughout their conversation? How would you characterize the different parts & tones of the conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman? At what point in the dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman does she come to believe in Him?
- What is it about the properties of water that make for such a powerful statement when Jesus tells the woman at that well that He is the living water and she will never thirst again if she drinks this? What does that mean to you in your own life?

"I do believe that He is constantly seeking to offer us a chance to know Him and to experience a life connected to Him. For some of you that may have been someone inviting you to church. It may have been when life seemed unmanageable and someone showed up to help. Or it could have been the feeling you got when you asked yourself if there was something more to the life that you were living. The feeling that something was missing. That is where this woman is living at in this moment. She has taken a step, will You give me this water, because I am tired of coming here, it is hot and I am alone. We feel that way too sometimes, it's almost like a prayer, would you give me what I need because I know it will change my situation. But Jesus doesn't just want to change her situation, He wants to change everything for her. He wants to do that for us too." - Pastor Bryan Pope

**Read Ephesians 2:1-10.**

- How do these descriptions of God's action toward us move or encourage you? Are any of them new or surprising insights?

- According to these verses, what part have we contributed to our own rescue? According to v. 9, why is it so important that we understand our rescue as a gift of grace?

**Watch and Discuss Video:** (Follow up videos paused for the summer)

**Reflect and Commit:**

“This woman with no name, she sees something different about Jesus, she recognizes that He isn’t just a man. She calls Him a prophet, and in return Jesus gives her a powerful moment of dignity...But Jesus wasn’t interested in her past. And as she listens she says to Him, I have heard that a messiah, a Savior will come and He will explain all of this to us. When He hears this Jesus declares, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.” John 4: 26 NIV

Jesus her Savior, He is our Savior. He comes to this well to rescue her and He came to earth to rescue us. The Bible tells us that the Word became flesh and made His dwelling place among us. Jesus came to us to provide us with what we all need, abundant grace and truth. And He still does. Jesus walked 70 miles just to meet this woman. He crossed lines and borders he was not supposed to. He offered her a better way, one that would change the entire trajectory of her life. He told her the truth, but what she had done wasn’t as important to Him as who she was.” - Pastor Bryan Pope

**Read John 4:27-42.**

- The woman comes to believe in Jesus after a very short conversation. What would Jesus need to say to you (or what secrets would He need to know about you) to make you believe Him to be the Messiah and/or how have you felt known or seen by Jesus already? How did it affect you?
- What do the disciples, who are with Jesus everyday, seem to miss that the woman quickly chooses to believe? Why do you think that is?
- How does this woman respond to her belief? In what time frame? Should our belief also compel us to action? How should we be affected by this woman's response whether a new or seasoned believer (or anywhere in between)?

**The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!”  
Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the  
free gift of the water of life.  
Revelation 22:17**

**Pray:**

Dear Lord, We praise and thank You Father, that You are a God Who is mighty in strength and Who fully understands the frailties and fears that we face in our daily lives. And so, we come to You to ask for Your abundant grace and never-failing strength, so that we may face life’s challenges with confidence. Then help us to go out into the world and share Your powerful gift of eternal life through Your message of grace and love. It’s in the name of Jesus that we pray. Amen.