

Marinating in God's Word:

John 4:13-26

To meet Jesus is to be changed. So it was in the gospels, and so it is in our lives.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

When you meet new people, what sort of impression do you want to make? Why? How do you project that image?

Many assume that Jesus knew about the woman's history (vv. 17-18) by omniscience. But Philippians 2:7 points to how he laid aside such powers when he took on human flesh. So his knowledge here is by the power of the Spirit, a "word of knowledge." How do you understand his power and limitations? What effect did his knowledge have on his interaction with her?

The woman tried twice to divert from Jesus' focus on her to a theological discussion (vv. 20, 25). But Jesus kept bringing the conversation back to a genuine encounter between her and himself. When are theological discussions helpful? When are they hiding places? What enables genuine conversations with other believers?

What does it mean to worship God in spirit? In truth? How does God enable us to do so?