

Marinating in God's Word:

John 4:1-15

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:

- Describe an experience you've had with people being very ill at ease with each other – ethnically, religiously, socially, etc. What was the backstory to that awkward tension?
- On the surface, Jesus' talk with the woman was simply about getting a drink. But there was more going on. Like what? What do you see happening here? What were the layers of conversation and meaning?
- What are the thirsts people all have in common? Where are the tainted "wells" in our day? What sorts of needs does Jesus satisfy? How does he go about it?
- Our most ready connections are often with Christians, since we have Jesus in common. But you also have some things in common with people who don't know Jesus. Like what? What groups of non-believers might you fit in (e.g., soccer league, sorority, painters club, etc).