

1. Verse 3: There were three different roads from Judea to Galilee, only one of which passed through Samaria. What is the significance of the statement that Jesus “had to go through Samaria”?

Can you think of a situation where you went out of your way to serve another person, or to witness for Christ?

2. Verse 9: there was deep hatred between Jews and Samaritans, but Jesus traveled 70 km on foot to speak to the Samaritan woman. Are there certain people who you feel that you cannot or should not share the gospel with? What can you do to overcome such feelings?

3. Verse 10: what is “the gift of God”? See also 2 Corinthians 9:15.

4. Verse 10: Jesus said: “If you knew ...” Where does such knowledge come from?

What have you done in the last year to improve your spiritual knowledge?

5. Verse 10: What is the “living water”? See also John 7:37-39.

Did Jesus speak about the same thing in John 3?

6. Verse 10: Nicodemus was a religious spiritual leader. The Samaritan woman was an adulterous person. Both needed the Living Water. What is the significance?

How does a person receive the Living Water? See verse 10 and Luke 11:13.

How does a person not receive the Holy Spirit? See John 1:13

When did you ask God to receive the Holy Spirit?

7. What are the two characteristics of the Living Water in the second half of verse 14, according to John 3:34 and John 3:5?

8. Verse 17: the woman told part of the truth “I have no husband” but she did not say the full truth about the fact that she was living with a man who was not her husband. Do you think it is sometimes ok to tell “half-truth”?

Can you think of a situation when you did that? How does the fact that God knows everything change your view of “half-truth”?

9. Verses 19 and 20: the woman tries to avoid discussing her sinful life by trying to start a conversation about worship differences between the Jews and the Samaritans.

Why do people in general avoid confronting their sins?

Can you think of a situation where you did the same?

10. Verse 23 and 24: What does it mean to worship God in truth and in spirit?

Can you think of an example:

a. Of worship in truth but not in spirit?

b. Of worship in spirit but not in truth?

11. Verse 24: Today God is still seeking believers who worship in truth and in spirit. What can you do to become such a person?