

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
John 4 - The Woman at the Well

1. Recall your thirstiest moment...
2. Why is water so good when you're thirsty?

Read John 4:1-45

3. How is this story similar to, and different to, Jesus encounter with Nicodemus?
4. Why do you think Jesus 'had to' pass through Samaria? (v4)
5. In this story, who is it that needs water? Who is it that has access to water?
6. In verse 10 Jesus suggests to the woman that there are two things which she needs to know. What are they? Why are they the two most important things?
7. What does Jesus mean when he says that a person will never be thirsty again? (v13)
8. Look up the following passages and consider whether they might help us better understand what Jesus means by 'living water'?

Psalm 42, Isaiah 12:1-6, Isaiah 55:1-5, Revelation 21:6, 22:17

9. In verse 12 the woman seems to have decided that she wants this living water? Does she believe Jesus? Does she understand? How do you know?
10. Why does Jesus raise the issue of the women's former husbands and the man she now lives with? Why does this issue not get mentioned again in the story?
11. What sort of people does Jesus expect to receive his living water and join his kingdom? How would you say that Jesus treated this woman?
12. What does Jesus mean when he says (v23) that the Father will be worshipped in spirit and in truth?
13. What is Jesus really offering to this woman? What's the alternative? If we refuse Jesus living water, how can we satisfy our thirst?
14. What would it look like for us to thirst for the living water that only Jesus brings? Should we be thirsting or should we be satisfied?