

Discussion questions for John 4

1. John 4:1-43 Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

*** Comprehension:** (What does it say?)

Who are the main characters?

When and where does this take place?

What does Jesus say about living water?

*** Interpretation:** (What does it mean?)

How do we know there was racial tension between the Jews and Samaritans?

What did Jesus mean about the living water bringing eternal life?

Did Jesus admit to being the Messiah?

Who did the Samaritan woman give her testimony to? What did she say? Did the people listen? What was the result of her testimony?

*** Application:** (How do I apply this to my life?)

In light of who Jesus is and what he said, what should my response or action be?

Should I show prejudice or love to those unlike myself?

Is there a harvest of unbelievers in my world who might be ready to receive Christ?

Should I be willing to share my testimony? Where? How?

2. John 4:46-54 Jesus Heals an Official's Son

*** Comprehension:** (What does it say?)

Where does this take place?

Who is the official and what does he want from Jesus?

How does Jesus respond?

*** Interpretation:** (What does it mean?)

This is the second sign in John's Gospel. The first was turning water to wine showing Jesus' power over nature. What is the result and meaning of this sign?

How important was the action and faith of the official?

*** Application:** (How do I apply this to my life?)

To what extent are you willing to go to act on behalf of your child's life (or another family member)? Do we often do more for their physical well-being than their eternal?