



**Life Group Discussion Guide**  
**Conversations with Jesus**  
**Jesus and a Member of the Lonely Hearts Club – John 4:1-38**

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Main thought: At the well, one human being is both found out and found by Jesus.

Outline

1. The Setting (1-6)
2. The Encounter (7-15)
3. The Exposure (16-18)
4. The Theological Dialogue (19-25)
5. The Revelation (26-38)

Welcome and Fellowship Time (suggested time 10 min)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

- Jesus put His Father at the center of His world and He asks us to do the same. Share an example from this week where that happened.

Discussion Starter (suggested sharing time 5 min)

- Phil Yancey observes: sex is not a rival to spirituality but rather a pointer to it. When a society so completely blocks the thirst for transcendence, should we be surprised that the primal longings reroute themselves into an expression of more physicality? Maybe the problem is not that people are getting naked, but that they aren't getting naked enough. We stop at the skin instead of going deeper into the soul. Do you disagree or agree and why?

Sermon Review (suggested time 20 min)

Review John 4:1-38 and discuss the following questions.

- Jesus words to the woman in verses 10-13 suggest that all people are spiritually thirsty. What caused her deep thirst to surface?
- What was the effect of Jesus' special knowledge of the woman's history with men (vs. 16-19). What effect did it have on her faith?
- What motives cause the woman to bring up a religious controversy to Jesus? Why do people try to generate religious controversies with us? (vs. 19-22)



- What does it mean to worship in spirit and truth? (vs 23-24)

Digging Deeper (suggested time 15 min)

In Luke 4:14-30 we are introduced to Jesus speaking in His hometown. It is a snapshot of His entire ministry. Jesus offers much but the crowd question what is on offer. We are left to choose sides.

- Why do you think He began his messianic ministry in this place and this way?
- How does this Scripture introduce Jesus, the Messiah? What does it tell us about His mission? (vs. 12-19)
- Why were they spiritually blind? How did Jesus rebuke them? (vs. 20-24)
- Why were people so angry when Jesus told those Old Testament stories? How should they have responded? (vs. 25-30)

Application (suggested time 10 minutes)

- Have you discovered the living water of salvation in Christ? If so, what are you doing to pass it on to others?
- What kinds of wells have you dipped into to try and satisfy your thirst? What was the outcome?
- How can you pursue the living water more this week? How can you worship in a way more pleasing to God?

Group Prayer Requests: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. *(Suggested time 10 minutes)*