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Salvation

John 4:1-26

1.	The Jewish people of Jesus' day despised the Samaritans (and the Samaritans returned the favor). Trying to think from that cultural background, how would you feel upon hearing that Jesus had decided to go through Samaria rather than taking the longer, but more acceptable, way around the territory?
2.	What barriers is Jesus willing to overcome in order to have a conversation with the Samaritan woman?
3.	What barriers hinder Christians today from engaging others in conversation about Jesus?
4.	What does Jesus mean when he offers her "living water" (vv. 10, 13-14)?
	What does the woman think Jesus means (vv. 11-12, 15)?
5.	Why does Jesus bring up the woman's past marriages and present adulterous relationship (vv. 16-18)?
6.	Why do you think the woman makes the comments in verses 19-20?
	How does Jesus respond (vv. 21-24)?

7.	What does it mean to worship God "in spirit and in truth" (vv. 23-24)?
8.	In verses 25 and 26 Jesus clearly claims to be the Messiah, the deliverer God had promised to send. Imagine the look on the woman's face when she hears his words. Do you think she is surprised or skeptical, and why?
9.	What does Jesus' offer of living water mean in your life and spiritual experience?