

Gospel of John Bible Study Week 4

Chapter 4: 'The Living Water'

Theme of the Week:

Jesus reaches across social and spiritual boundaries to offer eternal life and true worship to all people.

Outline of John Chapter 4:

1. Jesus and the Samaritan Woman (John 4:1-26)

- Jesus breaks cultural norms to speak to a Samaritan woman.
- He offers her 'living water' leading to eternal life.
- True worship must be in spirit and truth.

2. The Disciples Return and Jesus Food (John 4:27-38)

- Jesus teaches His disciples about spiritual priorities.
- He reveals His mission: to do the will of the Father.
- The fields are ready for spiritual harvest.

3. Many Samaritans Believe (John 4:39-42)

- The woman's testimony leads others to Jesus.
- They believe not just from her words but from meeting Him themselves.

4. Jesus Heals a Nobleman's Son (John 4:43-54)

- A nobleman begs Jesus to heal his dying son.
- Jesus speaks a word, and the boy is healed.
- The man and his household believe.

Key Verse to Memorize:

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst. John 4:14a (KJV)

Discussion Questions & Answers:

1. Why is it significant that Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman?

Jews normally avoided Samaritans, especially women. Jesus showed that salvation is for all people.

2. What does Jesus mean by 'living water'?

He refers to eternal life and the satisfying, renewing work of the Holy Spirit.

3. What kind of worship does God desire (John 4:23-24)?

God seeks those who worship in spirit and in truth, not merely through rituals.

4. How did the nobleman show faith in Jesus (John 4:50)?

He believed Jesus' word and went home without seeing the healing, trusting Jesus by faith.

Life Application:

Reflect: Are you thirsting for something deeper in life? Are you worshiping in spirit and in truth?

Act: Share your testimony like the Samaritan woman did, and trust God to use it to draw others to Christ.