

WOMEN OF THE WAY (W.O.W.)

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Lesson Plan: Modern Day Woman by the Well

A. The woman by the well in the scriptures served as an example for us all of what our lives can look like when we try to fill up our lives with things, people or relationships in place of pursuing God. But what about when all of those things are gone? Right now, in the world, many of the things we fill our lives and days with are inaccessible to us and some may feel lost and empty because of it. Like the woman by the well, people are thirsting for more. We will be looking into the significance of the woman by the well as it pertains to women today and how we can go towards the living water (Christ) and never thirst again.

B. SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- 1) Who was the Woman by the Well? (John 4:6-26, 39-42)
 - a. She was a Samaritan and a woman; Christ did not need to even acknowledge her.
 - b. She had had five husbands and a new guy that wasn't her husband, but Christ did not shame her. He only told her the truth. She was thirsting for something and He was the answer.
- 2) How does this pertain to today?
 - a. People are thirsting and they try to quench that thirst with many things. Sometimes it is not simply the pursuit of men/relationships that people use to fill the emptiness. Pursuit of career, money, fame, friendships; even the holding up of oneself. One who puts themselves on such a high pedestal that they become their own god and are determined to be self-sufficient and need no one or anything including God. The modern-day woman by the well can come in many forms.

3) Why me? /If only you knew. (John 4:9-10)

- a. This woman questioned why Christ was even speaking to her as she was a woman and a Samaritan but to Christ; she mattered. She mattered because she was Loved by God. Just like all of us are loved. We were loved before we even got here (Psalm 139:13-18), and Christ proved that on the cross. (v.10) “if you knew the gift of God”; if only you knew what was waiting on the other side with God - the love, joy, peace, healing; we would not hesitate. God is love, but Christ is the gift given out of that love.
- b. Some of us know about the water (Christ) but at times lose sight of the truth of Christ in all the chaos of the world and getting caught up in our own lives. Let this be a reminder today that Christ is still the only answer; and He is still there; –the only true thirst quencher. Period.

4) For additional reading: Luke 11:9-13, Psalm 139, Proverbs 3:5-8

C. MY PERSONAL INSIGHTS (Gabby)

D. FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1) Does this story feel relevant to you as of today? If so, in what way? If not, why not?
- 2) Reflect: What things in your life do you believe may have served as your personal “roadblocks” in your way of pursuing God?
- 3) Reflect: Think honestly, are there areas in your life where you feel you are “thirsting” or feeling empty?
- 4) If so, what are they and what are you willing to do about it?

E. Head to Heart Message - **Matt 6:33**

What will you do? Will you pursue the thirst quencher or continue empty pursuits that leave you thirsting? The choice is yours.