

# THE LIFE OF JESUS

Message 6  
Living Water  
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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to deepen your faith and stir meaningful conversations with friends and family.

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### Opening

Have your family or friends ever been shocked when you changed your mind about something or took an unexpected new direction in life? Describe the situation.

### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [John 4:5-9](#).

1. What in this story would have seemed strange, unconventional or just plain wrong to people living in Jesus' time and culture?

Read [John 4:10-15](#).

2. What misunderstandings arise between Jesus and the woman?
3. How does Jesus' *living water* satisfy our needs?
4. Describe a time when you had a thirst for God.

Read [John 4:16-26](#).

5. How does the topic of water relate to the woman's marital status?
6. What excuses or reasons do people offer today for not seeking God?
7. What are ways people try to fill the emptiness in their lives in our day?
8. What does it mean to worship *in spirit and truth* (vs. [23](#))?

9. What is one practical step God is leading you to take based on [John 4:34-38](#)?
10. What was the woman's impact on her community (vs. [39-44](#))? How could you have a similar impact on the people around you?
11. What would Jesus say to you if He walked up and saw you today?

In this hour of all-but-universal darkness, one cheering gleam appears: Within the fold of conservative Christianity, there are to be found increasing numbers of people whose religious lives are marked by a growing hunger after God Himself... They are thirsty for God, and they will not be satisfied until they have drunk deep at the fountain of living water. - **AW Tozer, *The Pursuit of God***

### Soul Training

Spend several minutes each day this week reflecting on Jesus' offer of living water. Quiet your heart as you sit with God. Ask Him to give you *living water* for healing, life and transformation. Use this time to build into your daily life the *practice of receiving from God*.

### Memory Verse

*Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again — ever! In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up within him for eternal life."* [John 4:13-14 \(HCSB\)](#)

### Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or	Bible Reference
Feb 6	32, 33		<a href="#">Matthew 4:12</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 1:14</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 4:14-15</a> ; <a href="#">John 4:1-44</a>
Feb 7	34, 35		<a href="#">Matthew 4:17</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 1:14-15</a> ; <a href="#">John 4:45-54</a>
Feb 8	36		<a href="#">Luke 4:16-21</a>
Feb 9	37		<a href="#">Matthew 4:13-16</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 4:22-31</a>
Feb 10	38		<a href="#">Matthew 4:18-22</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 1:16-20</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 5:1-11</a>

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Sunday, February 12, we'll see what happened when Jesus healed a man who was paralyzed. Read this story in [Matthew 9:1-8](#); [Mark 2:1-12](#); and [Luke 5:17-26](#) (Reading #45 in *The Life of Jesus*).



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