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**St. Matthew AME Church
Bible Study
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Bible Study Scripture

5Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. 7There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. 8(For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) 9Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. 11The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? 12Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. 15The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

21Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

25The woman saith unto him, I know that the Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he. 27And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? Or, Why talkest thou with her? 28The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 29Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? 30Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

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"OBEY YOUR THIRST"

THIRST:

- ✓ **Thirst is the basic instinct of humans or animals to drink.**
- ✓ **Excessive thirst is an abnormal feeling of always needing to drink fluids.**
- ✓ **A very strong, constant urge to drink may be a sign of a psychological problem, which may mean psychological help is needed.**
- ✓ **Drinking lots of water is usually healthy. However, the urge to drink too much beyond a certain limit may be the result of an underlying disease, either physical or emotional.**

Storytelling:

Throughout the Bible we find various scriptures pertaining to spiritual and physical thirst.

The Samaritan woman at the well was a woman that was ostracized by her community because she had 5 husbands and was currently unmarried and living a sinful life with a man. The people of Samaria did not want to have anything to do with her and so because of her bad reputation, she became isolated, lonely, and hopeless. The past can haunt us and remind us of failure and shame. The past can cripple and keep us all bound up so we are no longer free to experience the abundant life in Christ. Even blind us to the Grace of God, distorting our view of reality. Only God can help us confront the past and receive the freedom from the bondage of sin.....ours as well as those against us.

BIBLE QUESTIONS?

1. Who were the Samaritans and why did they not get along with the Jews?

2. What time did Jesus meet the Samaritan woman at the well? Is there anything odd about this time? Why do you think she drew water at this time?

3. What 2 revolutionary things did Jesus do by even talking to the Samaritan woman? The proud Pharisees would have judged Him on at least two accounts.

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4. When Jesus spoke of giving water to the Samaritan women at the well, what gift was he truly offering her?

5. What is the significance of the well?

6. Do you think the Samaritan woman understood what Jesus said when he stated, "whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life"?

7. What do you think happened to the woman at the well?

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

8. Who are some of the Samaritan people that we have ostracized/avoided in our community because of their lifestyle?

9. Have you ever experienced a time in your life when you were thirsty and nothing you drank could quench that thirst?

10. What are some scriptures pertaining to being spiritually thirsty?
