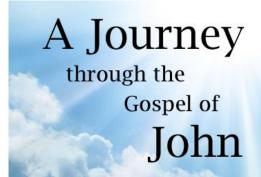
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Theology of John's Gospel

The word came from heaven to accomplish His work on earth so that we who are on earth can have a home in heaven

"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name." ~John 20:31

Gospel of John Ch. 4: "Jesus Must Increase and I Must Decrease"

Opening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for bringing us together in your name.

Bless our time together as we seek to be more like the image of Christ.

We know that your word is trustworthy and true. Open our hearts and minds to the wisdom of your word. Let your truth guide our thoughts, words and actions daily so that we can share it with those we encounter. We ask these things in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Study Guide Group Questions: John 4:1-54

1) Why did Jesus' request for water surprise the Samaritan woman?

2) How can we compare the conversation Jesus has with the Samaritan woman with the conversation He had with Nicodemus? (Look at both John 3:3-4 and John 4:13-15)

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3)	What did Jesus reveal about this woman's past that made her believe He was a prophet?
4)	Read Luke 7:2-10. What was the difference between the faith the centurion demonstrated and the faith of the nobleman in this passage?
5)	We see an example at the beginning of the chapter of what John the Baptist said in chapter 3, "Jesus must increase and I must decrease." What would it look like for you to apply this principle to your life today?

6) Many people came to believe in Jesus because the Samaritan woman testified, "He told me all that I ever did" (John 4:39). If you told others about your personal experience with Christ, what are some of the things you would share that He had done for you?

Closing Prayer

May the LORD bless us and keep us.

May the LORD make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

May the LORD lift up His countenance towards us and give us His peace,
The kind of peace that can only come from the Prince of Peace,
Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.