

**DISCOVERING LIFE TOGETHER SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
**MISERABLE AND MESSY – JOHN 4:1-45**

**NOTES:**

**Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study:**

**For Starters:** What types of things bring you joy? What makes you miserable? Discuss.

**The Basics:** Read John 4:1-41. What stands out to you and why? What was the big deal about Jesus passing through Samaria? What would be a similar situation today?

**Quick Fire Round John 4:1-45**

- Read John 4:1-15, Jeremiah 2:13. What was significant about the woman and Jesus' dialogue and His reference to "living water"?
- Read John 4:16-18. What does Jesus know about the woman? Does he bring up her marital situation to embarrass her? Does Jesus appeal to your deepest needs? If so, how?
- Read John 4:19-24. What does it mean that *true worshipers worship God in spirit and in truth*? What does true worship look like? How do you worship God in Spirit and in truth?
- Read John 7:27-42. Do you think the woman genuinely believed Jesus? Why or why not?
- Read John 3:16-17, John 20:31. What happened as a result of the conversation at the well and how does this meeting fit within John's Gospel theme that *all people might believe*?

**The challenge:** Who could you reach beyond your borders? What would this look like for you? Write down a name, begin to pray for this person, plan to reach.

**Memorize** John 4:23-24.

**Prayer:** Father, help me to live every day to make you great by loving others different from me. Amen.

**Resources:** <https://www.cru.org/content/dam/cru/train-and-grow/bible-studies/no-one-understands-jesus-study.pdf>; Bible Speaks Today – The Message of John; Bruce Milne; Exploring the Gospels.