

CBC's Women's Ministry Bible Study
TWELVE EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN by John MacArthur
CHAPTER 8 - *The Samaritan Woman: Finding the Water of Life (John 4:29)*

After reading chapter eight, please respond to each item in preparation for group discussion:

MacArthur states that the setting for Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman was remarkable.

1. List at least three details about the significance of this tale's plot of land and its well.
2. Who were the Samaritans and why were they considered "unclean" by the Israelites?
3. Why does John 4:4 say Jesus "needed" to go through Samaria?

MacArthur states that Jesus and the woman had "a curious conversation."

4. Jesus broke with social and religious convention by talking to this woman. Discuss the significance of this.
5. List things can we learn from and apply to our conversations with **seekers* from Jesus' approach and conversation with the Samaritan woman.

How was she led to the truth without being criticized?

MacArthur said that Jesus made “an astonishing revelation.”

6. Write down the verse that is the “single most direct and explicit messianic claim Jesus ever made”.

7. Jesus appealed to His works as evidence of who He was throughout his ministry. Only one more time before his crucifixion did he explicitly reveal his identity. What was different in the Samaritan woman’s response to His claim and Caiaphas’ response? What allowed for her life-giving response?

8. The disciples arrived just as Jesus made His messianic declaration to the woman. How did they respond?

MacArthur calls the woman’s response as a new believer an “amazing transformation.”

9. What evidence of authentic faith was displayed by the Samaritan woman?

10. Contrast the reception Jesus got from the Samaritans of the city of Sychar and the Pharisees in Jerusalem.

11. MacArthur speculates that the village of Sychar became a center of gospel activity and witness after the church was founded three years later because Jesus would not have abandoned them. Discuss this.

12. The story of the Samaritan woman’s conversion and witness in John 4 has influenced multitudes to come to Christ. How is your story a witness to Christ?

**seekers* - those seeking truth that may be open to listening to the gospel

“Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” John 4:29 NKJV