

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 / OPEN YOUR LIFE / JOHN 4:7-19 WE NEED TO HELP PEOPLE SEE SIN AS THE BROKENNESS THAT HAS LONG STOOD IN THEIR WAY WITH GOD.

LAST WEEK WE LOOKED AT THE BEGINNING OF A CONVERSATION JESUS HAD WITH A SAMARITAN WOMAN. IN THE SECOND PART OF JOHN 4, THE CONVERSATION TAKES AN UNEXPECTED TURN. WE LEARN HERE FROM JESUS THAT PEOPLE NEED TO SEE THEIR SIN NOT SIMPLY AS AN OFFENSE TO GOD BUT AS THE BROKENNESS KEEPING THEM FROM WHAT THEY MOST WANT AND NEED IN LIFE.

READ John 4:1-42 (focus on 4:7-19).

1. What were the greatest sin struggles in your life before you came to faith in Jesus?

- 2. What role, if any, did those struggles have in your coming to faith in Jesus?
- 3. How has the gospel brought not only forgiveness for your sins but healing for them?
- 4. What is Jesus making reference to here in his promise to satisfy one's thirst (John 4:14) (see John 7:37-39)

5. What is Jesus getting at by raising the issue of this woman's past relationships (John 4:18)? (John 4:13; Jeremiah 2:13)

6. What is the greater theological truth Jesus is driving toward in this conversation (John 4:10)? (see John 3:16)

JESUS, HELP ME TO CENTER MY CONVERSATIONS WITH FRIENDS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GOSPEL OF GRACE.