

## Prep questions

### Study 5: John 4:1-30

#### Jesus is the Messiah, and he offers fulfilment to the unlikelyest

**Opener:** What responses would you get if you asked a cross section of people in your office who they thought would be the least likely people that God would welcome?

**Text 1:** From this passage, sum up what we discover about the person Jesus meets. How do they compare with Nicodemus, in the last passage?

**Text 2:** How does Jesus' offer of living water help us understand the kind of King Jesus is, and what he's offering people?

**OT sharpener:** How does the comparison with Jacob in the passage and also Jeremiah 2v13 sharpen our understanding?

**Text 3:** Looking at vs19-24 particularly – the woman raises the difference between the Samaritan way of trying to worship God and the Jewish way. What does Jesus say about the kind of worship God is actually looking for? How does Jesus' answer help explain why anyone can be part of the kingdom?

**Sum up:** From this passage, how would you explain to someone why Jesus really is worth coming to?

**One to chew on:** What implications does worshipping God 'in spirit and truth' have for the way we view religious buildings, church services, Monday mornings ... ?

#### ***Looking at John with someone else – how much background information to give them***

How much background information about the Jews and Samaritans do you think is necessary to help someone see the main point of this passage?