



**CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Piscataway

## Small Group Discussion question March 9

### Opening Prayer

Please consider reading the expanded narrative from John 4.1-42.

**Sunday's scripture John 4:5-14** 5 Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. 7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

How is this Lent a wilderness season for you?

How are you thirsty?

As you read the passage from the gospel of John, what do you notice about Jesus' encounter with the woman? Is his reaction to her surprising?

Read about the start of the Samaritans in 2 Kings 17.24-41

And read about their interest in rebuilding the temple in Ezra 4.1-5

What other Samaritans are highlighted in the bible?

Is there a good one? Luke 10.25-37

How about Luke 17.11-19?

Is there something bigger happening in the gospel of John's encounter with the woman?

How do you understand this as part of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ?

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