

Small Group Discussion Guide
Week of 2/21/16

Read John 4:1-26 together.

1. Pastor Kenny said that we live in a “thirsty” culture. What indications do we see of this in form of things the culture “drinks” but cannot satisfy? What did he mean when he spoke of drinking “sea water”?
2. Pastor Kenny thought it was very significant that Jesus met the woman at Jacob’s Well. He pointed out that Jacob was also a very “thirsty” man? What did he mean by this? (Read Genesis 25:27-34, Genesis 27, 29:9-18) Now read Genesis 32:24-28. Jacob’s “thirst” was not quenched until he admitted who he was (the name Jacob means “deceiver” or “supplanter”)? Why do you think God required him to do that? What did God do when Jacob confessed his true identity? What does that teach us about grace?
3. Pastor Kenny said that when love, money, power, etc. are sought as a means to meet your own needs, you only get thirstier? Why does it work like this? Are love, money, and power, etc. bad things? How should we use those things in light of the Gospel?
4. Jesus didn’t offer the woman at the well a formula, a rule or a religion. What did he offer her?
5. Pastor Kenny said that contentment seems impossible to many in our culture, and that the very concept of it is often despised as lazy and displaying a lack of motivation. How do you feel about this? Would you describe yourself as content? What keeps us from contentment? What do we need more of in our life to achieve contentment? Love? Money? Time? Power? Jesus?

Pray together...

That our eyes would be opened to the greatness of what we have been given in the gift of Jesus himself.

Pray together...

That God would show us the things that we are “drinking” that are acting like sea water to our souls.

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For the needs of the group