



Meeting the Messiah

Encounter Him through the Scriptures

Session 1 The Woman at the Well

Small Group Discussion Guide

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Discussion Questions

1. What stands out to you about the experience of the woman in this passage?
2. What are you thirsting for right now?
3. In what ways have you tried to satisfy that thirst?
4. Do you believe that Jesus can satisfy your deepest thirsts? Why or why not?
5. The woman needed a water jar to carry her earthly water. But after encountering Christ, she no longer needed her jar because she had found the “living water” that comes from God. What “water jars” might God be calling you to leave behind? What attempts to satisfy our thirsts can we leave behind because of the new life that we have found in Jesus Christ?



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Session 2 The Prodigal Son Small Group Discussion Guide

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Discussion Questions

1. As you heard this parable taught today, did anything new or different stand out to you compared to previous times that you have read this passage?
2. In what ways do you relate to the older son? In what ways do you relate to the younger son?
3. Why are we sometimes hesitant to go back to our Father? What prevents us from returning to Him?
4. Do you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God the Father? Why or why not?
5. What practical step do you think God is asking you to take after studying this passage today? (consider suggesting confession)



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Session 3 Nathanael

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Discussion Questions

1. What stands out to you about Nathanael in this passage? Why?
2. In this passage, Nathanael says, “How do you know me?” Do you believe that God knows and understands who you are, your problems, your character, your fears and hopes, etc.?
3. Nathanael also says, “You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” How do you see Jesus in your life right now? Lord? Friend? Savior?
4. What does this encounter tell us about the power of encountering Jesus and inviting others to meet Him also?
5. How can you be a “Philip” to a “Nathanael” in your life? Who could you invite to know Christ in a deeper way?



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Session 4 The Call of Matthew

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Discussion Questions

1. What do you think of Matthew as a person after learning more about him? What do you think his life as a tax collector must have been like?
2. What “money bags” are you attached to right now? What attachments do you have that hold you back from following Christ more closely?
3. How has Jesus invited you personally to “Follow me?”
4. Jesus reached out to a sinner like Matthew. Are you willing to do the same? In what ways would that be challenging for you?
5. What is one way you could begin reaching out to someone else who is lost like Matthew was?