

## Hostage: The Woman at the Well

Take Home Sheet

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Read John 4:1-42.

1. When you are in the middle of one of life's storms, how important is hope? What is the difference between people who persevere and people who give up?
2. Whenever Jesus met someone who was struggling, he always assumed that life with him was better.
  - What are some of the ways Jesus describes himself in Scripture? (For example, the truth)
  - How is life with Jesus better?
  - How would you describe this to someone who was not a Christ follower?
3. What are some of the barriers that Jesus broke to talk to this woman?
4. What barriers do we find that keep us from sharing the "water of life" with people? Share a time you had an opportunity to share Christ with someone on the other side of the barrier and you did not?
5. In what ways did the woman at the well have broken relationships with people? What do you think day to day life was like for her as a result of this? Was she lonely?
6. Do you believe most people are lonely? Why or why not?
7. In what ways was her relationship with God broken?
8. What are some things that happen when we just follow the rules and forget about the relationship? Find and share some Scriptures that show the kind of relationship God wants with us.
9. How does this brief time with Jesus change the woman at the well? What are some evidences of this?

10. What are some of the changes you have experienced in Jesus? What are some evidences of this?
11. Why do you think the percentage of people who call themselves Christian is plummeting in America?
12. What can the church do to introduce people to the same Jesus this woman met?
  - What are we doing well?
  - Where are we failing?
  - What are you doing well?
  - Where are you failing?