

**VALUING HUMILITY IS
IMPORTANT TO THE
HEALTH OF GOD'S
KINGDOM.**

ASSIGNMENT

*Visit a small church and
encourage its shepherd.*

*Celebrate humility
—it's the way of the Master!*

PLATE #2

THE

BACKGROUND

"You're a Jew; I'm a Samaritan—you're asking me for a drink?" Jews won't even use the same cups and bowls that Samaritans use.

VERSE 9



**HOSTILITY BETWEEN
JEW & SAMARITAN**

The Northern tribes exiled to Assyria began to intermarry; so did the remnant remaining in Israel.

They tarnished their racial purity as God's chosen people in the eyes of the Southern tribes.

HOSTILITY BETWEEN JEW & SAMARITAN

The Southern tribes contemptuously rejected the Northern tribes' offer to help rebuild the temple.

The Northern tribes built an alternative temple on Mt. Gerizim.

JESUS & the SAMARITAN WOMAN

Jews wouldn't associate with Samaritans.

Jewish men wouldn't publicly associate with women.

Jews wouldn't associate with women of questionable morals.

BREAKING BARRIERS

Jesus, whom John presents as God in the flesh, is breaking through all barriers—racial, religious, social, gender, moral—to redeem a lost soul.

**SALVATION IS NOT
EXCLUSIVE**
—it is universal.

ASSIGNMENT

Express tangible love to unlikely, unsuspecting people

Love the unlikely
—it's the way of the Master!

PLATE #3

THE
DEFINITION

"Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it won't matter where you worship God. In fact, that time is now—true worshipers worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

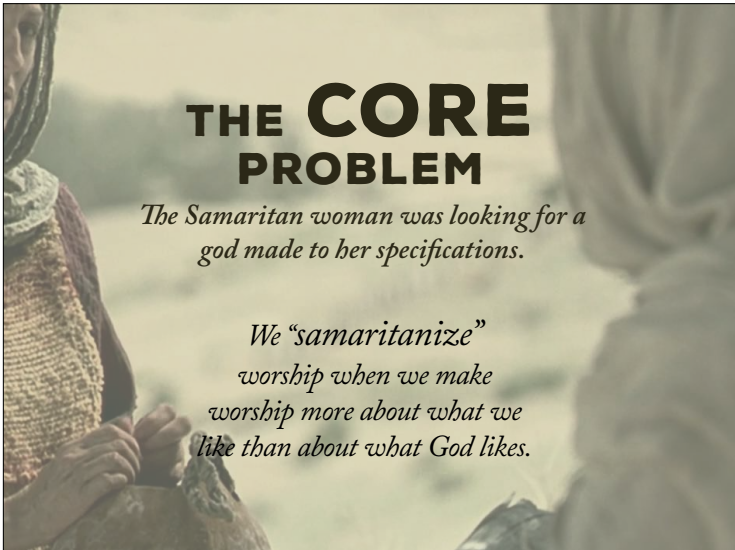
VERSES 21-24



**THE CORE
PROBLEM**

The Samaritan woman was looking for a god made to her specifications.

*We "samaritanize"
worship when we make
worship more about what we
like than about what God likes.*



“As Americans return to church, they have developed a pick and choose Christianity in which individuals take what they want and pass over what does not fit their spiritual goals.”

NEWSWEEK

WORSHIP GOD HIS WAY—YOU WILL GET WHAT YOU REALLY WANT—LIVING WATER. IT’S THE WAY OF THE MASTER!

ASSIGNMENT

Evaluate your expectations of worship.

If you have made worship about what you prefer, a little repentance is in order.

PLATE #4

THE POINT

“Go get your husband,” The woman replied. “I don’t have a husband.” Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband—you’ve had five, and you’re not even married to the man you’re living with now.”

VERSES 16-18



**ANY ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS
DOESN'T SIMPLY WARM OUR
HEART TO UNIVERSALITY OF
GOD'S LOVE OR INFORM OUR
THEOLOGY...**

*it touches our heart's
true condition!*

If you are looking to a thing or
person to fulfill you, you are putting
an expectation on something or
someone they can't meet.



*Your life will end up as
one long, futile attempt to
find completion.*

ONLY GOD CAN COMPLETE YOU.

*"Our hearts are restless till they
find rest in thee."*

AUGUSTINE



*“Those who drink the water I give
will never be thirsty again.”*

JOHN 4:14

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD I AM THE WORD AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE HE GAVE TO US THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE THE LIFE OF THE AGES. FOR THE WORD CAME FLESH AND DWELT WITH US AND WE SAW HIS GLORY AS ONE WHO CAME FROM HEAVEN FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH. FOR THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT WITH US AND WE SAW HIS GLORY AS ONE WHO CAME FROM HEAVEN FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH. FOR THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT WITH US AND WE SAW HIS GLORY AS ONE WHO CAME FROM HEAVEN FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.

The Gospel of John

PART 9
John 4—The Way Of The Master
