



DISCUSSION GUIDE

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It is Finished

BIG IDEA: Jesus became thirsty so we could become satisfied.

GROUPS VISION

We believe life transformation happens when we engage with other people, with Jesus as our focus, and take next steps together. A next step is where we Ask, Listen, and Respond to take any action that advances our journey with Jesus.

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KEY VERSE

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

John 4:10

POTENTIAL NEXT STEP

Read John 4:4-30, the story of the woman at the well, and ask Jesus to quench your thirst with His springs of living water.

MAIN POINTS & SCRIPTURES

Jesus did for us what we could never do for ourselves by fulfilling the law and giving us the ability to live a joyful, restful and satisfied life. **(John 19:28-30, John 17:4)** Jesus became thirsty so we could become satisfied. Peace isn't based on external circumstances but on the internal reality of Jesus and His fulfillment of the law, which took away the need to strive. Jesus is a mirror of who we are, not a picture of who we can become. **(1 John 4:17)**

1. We were never created to be thirsty. Adam was never thirsty in the Garden of Eden; the presence of God completely satisfied him. **(Psalm 16:11)** Adam lived a lifestyle of rest until the fall when striving, stress and trying to achieve (sweating) entered the world and he began to thirst. **(Genesis 3:17-19)** In Jesus, there is no more striving, sweating or thirsting; instead, we receive, rest and are satisfied. Jesus finished the work He was sent to earth to do; He declared 'it is finished'.
2. Our significance isn't found in what we achieve but what we receive. Under the law, we had to get it right for God to bless us. Now, because of what Jesus has done, we simply receive God's blessing. Under grace, the focus is Jesus and what He has done, not what we have to do for him. **(Hebrews 8, Matthew 11:28)** Spiritual maturity is not about what we achieve but rather how much of Jesus we receive. **(Galatians 3:5)**
3. When we try to satisfy our own thirst, we do crazy things. **(John 4:7-15, Ecclesiastes 6:7)** When we don't know who Jesus is and what He offers we live thirsty lives. **(John 4:10)** We spend our lives trying to do for Jesus what He has already done for us.
4. In Jesus, we don't strive for victory, we live from victory. We simply believe and receive. When we become satisfied in Jesus, we are free to leave behind the items that we used to try to satisfy our thirst. **(John 4:28)** The gospel is a message of rest and receiving; Jesus is seated on the right hand of the Father because there is nothing left to be done. It is finished. **(Ephesians 2:5)** Rest is our starting point because we are seated with Jesus in heavenly places. Wherever God has placed us, work in that place as unto the Lord knowing that our hearts are in Jesus who sits at the right hand of the Father. **(Colossians 3:23)**

DISCUSSION

1. Are you living a joyful, restful, satisfied life? If not, what is your next step to receive from Jesus? (See summary)
2. When the woman at the well realized who Jesus was and what He was offering, she 'left her water jug'. What 'water jug' are you being invited to leave behind so you can embrace living water? (See point #3)
3. Jesus is a mirror of who you are, not a picture of who you can become. Is this a difficult truth to believe? What is an attribute of Jesus that you see reflected in you? (See summary)
4. **What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?**
5. **What is your next step?**