

**THIRST**  
**Life Group Topic #10**

**WELCOME:** (15 minutes)

When you are REALLY thirsty on a hot summer day- what is your favorite drink?

**WORSHIP:** (15 minutes)

Use whatever means possible to turn the group's attention to the wonder and majesty of our God- including music, prayer, meditation on the Psalms, and other art forms.

**WORD APPLICATION:** (45 minutes)

Augustine prayed...*You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.*

C.S. Lewis said...*Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hungry...well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim...there is such a thing as water. If I find a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably, earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing.*

*Mere Christianity...C.S. Lewis*

**Intro Question:** **What does C.S. Lewis mean "I was made for another world?"**

**Read John 4:26**

1. Note vs. 4. There were actually two possible routes to Galilee and normally a devout Jew would take the eastern route which, though longer, avoided Samaria. Jews did not associate with Samaritans and avoided going through their territory even if it made their journey longer. Jesus clearly knew this. Yet...he HAD TO meet the Samaritan woman at the well...his constraint was spiritual not geographical...it was a divine appointment...it was an inner prompting. **Are there people or places that you avoid, which could in fact be God's divine appointment for you?**

2. *JESUS SAID TO HER, "WILL YOU GIVE ME A DRINK?"* Jesus initiates the contact...He went to her. He is above racism. He is above character. He perceives the thirst in people...He assumes it and He initiates contact. He approaches her on the basis of an immediate need...she was there for water to satisfy her thirst. He began by asking a favor. **What lessons can we gain from Jesus' example that instruct our initiatives to share the gospel?**

3. **Read vs. 13, 14. What kind of water does Jesus offer?**

4. **In what ways this week have you experienced Jesus as a perpetual spring of living water?**

**5. Read vs. 16-18. Then consider this quote:** Dorothy Sayers said...*I believe it to be a grave mistake to present Christianity as something charming and popular with no offense in it—we cannot blink the fact that Jesus meek and mild was so stiff in His opinions and so inflammatory in His language that He was thrown out of church, stoned, hunted from place to place and finally crucified as a firebrand and a public danger. Whatever his peace was, it was not the peace of an amiable indifference.* Confession comes before forgiveness. **Do you tend to represent to others a charming Christianity or one that honestly begins with our offense before God?**

**6. Read vs. 39-42. Many lives were transformed in that village in just two days. What was the key? What are the implications for us here?**

**WITNESS:** (15 minutes)

This section is a vision-casting time designed to get the group strategizing and making concrete plans towards reaching outward to a lost world. Relational outreach always has the goal of ultimately enfolding those we reach into the Life Group.