

DISCUSSION GUIDE

# WEEK ONE



What were some of your initial observations, thoughts and questions after hearing the message and watching the video?

## MAIN POINT

Faith in Christ is a "gift of God." That faith is what allows us to have a relationship with Jesus, which is the only thing that truly and eternally satisfies us.



#### READ

John 4:7-15



How are some Christians today — just like the Samaritans and Jews of Jesus' day — more concerned with the externals of worship, rather than what God truly desires? How can we be certain that our relationship is sourced in Christ and not personally or culturally manufactured?

#### **BIBLICAL TRUTH**

Like the Samaritan woman, we often seek to find satisfaction in relationships, rather than through our identities in Christ. When we truly recognize who Jesus is and why he came, our relationship with him becomes the foundation and cornerstone of all others.

- In John 4:10, why do you think Jesus changes the direction of the conversation? What is the gift that Jesus is referring to? In failing to understand the "gift of God" and who it is that speaks to us, what do we fail to perceive, ask for and receive?
- Read Ecclesiastes 3:11. There, we learn that God has created humanity with an eternal craving and desire deeply embedded in our DNA. What does this unquenchable "eternity" in our hearts tell us about God and his character? How does this relate to John 4:13-14?

#### **ACTION STEPS**

Have you ever prayed to Jesus to truly know who he is? If not, you can make that your prayer today. What can you do this week to live out your relationship with Christ in a way that reveals it is the keystone relationship in your life, your family, your church and your community?

### **PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, please remove all my objections and every obstacle that gets in the way of my relationship with you. I pray that you would bless that relationship so that I'll never thirst again and become a true blessing to others.