



SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Divine Appointment in Personal Comfort | Part 1

John 4:1-9 | May 31, 2026



John 4:1-10 ESV - ¹ Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ² (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), ³ he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴ And he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

OBSERVATION | *What does the text say?*

1. According to John 4:1-3, why did Jesus leave Judea and depart for Galilee?

2. What words or phrases stand out to you in John 4:4 when John says, "He had to pass through Samaria?"

3. In John 4:5-6, what do we learn about Jesus' humanity and physical condition?

4. What observations can you make about the Samaritan woman and the circumstances surrounding her arrival at the well?

5. According to John 4:9, why was Jesus speaking to this woman so surprising?

6. What cultural, social, religious, ethnic, or gender barriers existed between Jesus and the Samaritan woman?

INTERPRETATION | *What does the text mean?*

1. Why do you think Jesus intentionally traveled through Samaria when many Jewish people avoided it?

2. What does Jesus' decision to travel through Samaria teach us about God's priorities and divine appointments?

3. Why do you think God often uses interruptions, inconveniences, and disruptions to accomplish His purposes?
