

Meeting God In John

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Questions for Discussion or Reflection

Session 2 - Identity: 'Who are you?'

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Looking at the story of Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well, what seems to you the most significant way in which it reveals who Jesus is – his identity and character? Also, as we see Jesus speak to and relate to the woman, what does it show us about ourselves as we engage with Jesus?

The Samaritan woman was 'transformed' by her meeting with Jesus. Can you think of a person you know who has been transformed by meeting and following Jesus? What difference has it made in them?

"To all who received him, who believed [or trusted, or had faith] in his name, he gave power to become children of God" (John 1:12). David Ford writes, "To be 'born ... of God' is to receive our life from God. This is to be the heart of who we are, more important than family, gender, race, culture or any other marker of identity." Do you agree? Is this really possible for us?

John's Gospel records Jesus saying, "I am the bread of life" (6:48), "I am the light of the world" (8:12), "I am the good shepherd" (10:11), "I am the resurrection and the life" (11:25), "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (14:6). Which of these 'I am' statements or images speaks to you most vividly about the identity of Jesus? Why?