

# ENCOUNTERING JESUS!

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Encountering Jesus at the Water Well! (John 4)  
John 20:31 NIV

As individuals encounter Jesus, they encounter the eternal–life–giving, life-transforming love of God.

John 1:18 NIV'84

Luke 19:10 NLT

Luke 5:32 NIV

John 4:4, 6-9 NIV

To share the eternal–life–giving, life-transforming love of God with someone broken and in need:

Jesus knowingly **CROSSES** racial boundaries and prejudices!  
2:26-28 NLT

Jesus intentionally **SEEKS** us out!  
John 4:10-15 NIV

Jesus deliberately **OFFERS** a more satisfying life drink!  
John 10:10 ESV  
John 4:16-18 NIV

Jesus purposefully **MEETS** us where we are!

James Merritt, "Just because we have messed up doesn't mean we have to stay messed up!"

John 4:19-21, 23-24 NIV

Jesus pointedly **STATES** that worship is a lifestyle!  
John 4:25-26 NIV

Jesus designedly **GIVES** personal access to God!  
1 Timothy 2:5-6a NIV

John 4:27-30, 39-42 NIV

That's what a Jesus encounter does.

Jesus earnestly **DESIRES** to change our life and the lives of others!

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'So What?' Challenge: Reflect–Respond–Reach Out–Retell!  
John 6:35b NIV MEMORY VERSE

Will we take and drink the thirst quenching water of life–Jesus?  
Revelation 22:17 NIV

Once we meet and encounter Jesus, we can't stay the same; we don't want to stay the same; nor do others!

# THE 'SO WHAT' CHALLENGE

## THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

"Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35 NIV

## REFLECT

Questions to reflect on in your personal quiet time, with the family and/or in your Life Group.

- 1) What one point personally stood out from the message and why?
- 2) Read Luke 5:32 & 19:10. Recall the story by Craig Groeschel. How are we 'Being Jesus' to the lost?
- 3) How can we share the eternal–life–giving, life-transforming love of God with someone broken & in need?
- 4) Are we willing to cross racial boundaries & prejudices to tell others about Jesus? How?
- 5) How has Jesus sought us out & met us where we are to turn us back to Him? Share our story.
- 6) How has – is Jesus changing and transforming our life? Give examples.
- 7) Once we encounter Jesus, we can't nor do we want to stay the same. Are we changing or the same?

## RESPOND

What personal response and/or possible life change do you have to what you have heard?

## REACH OUT

In regards to what has been revealed to you, what intentional action can you take this week to impact someone else for Christ?

## RETELL

Share how God has worked in you and through you with someone else – in personal conversation, in your Life Group or at [c3ocala.com/retell](http://c3ocala.com/retell).