

## Small Group Discussion Outline: *The Way Forward* — LIFE

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### Opening Question:

- What is your favorite beverage, and why?

### Follow-up (optional):

- When are you most aware of being thirsty?
- Why do you think Jesus often used everyday needs (water, food, light) to explain spiritual truths?
- What happens to the body when it goes without it for too long?

### Scripture Focus: Jesus Is THE Life (John 14:6)

**Read Aloud:** John 14:6

### Discussion Questions:

- What stands out to you about Jesus saying *“I am the Life”*?
- Do you usually think of eternal life as something future, present, or both? Why?
- How does this statement challenge the idea that life can be found in many different places?

### IV. What Are We Really Thirsty For? (John 4:1–14)

**Read Aloud:** John 4:1–14

### Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think the woman initially misunderstood what Jesus meant by “living water”?
- What kinds of “thirst” do people experience today (emotional, relational, spiritual)?
- Why do temporary solutions often feel satisfying at first but fail over time?

## **V. The Wells We Draw From**

- We all draw from different “wells” to satisfy our thirst.

### **Examples (briefly name):**

- Relationships
- Success or money
- Entertainment or distractions
- Substances or habits
- Self-improvement or control
- Religious behavior

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Which wells are most tempting for people in our culture?
- Which wells have you personally drawn from that left you still thirsty?
- What makes it difficult to keep going back to Jesus as our primary source?

## **VI. From Encounter to Overflow (John 4:15-42)**

**Read Aloud:** John 4:15-42

### **Discussion Questions:**

- Why do you think the woman left her water jar behind?
- How did encountering Jesus change the way she saw herself and others?
- Who has been impacted by your story with Jesus — even imperfectly?

## **VII. Personal Reflection & Prayer**

**Quiet Reflection (1–2 minutes):** What well am I currently drawing from? Where might I be spiritually dehydrated?

### **Prayer Prompts (Group or Pairs):**

- Ask Jesus to reveal false wells. Invite Him to fill areas of dryness with His life
- Pray for courage to share His life with others