*Questions for Reflection and Discussion*

# John 4:1-26

## *Living Water*

### *Getting Started*

Why do you think we often have a hard time reaching out to those who don't yet know Christ – especially "tax collectors and sinners"?

### *Digging In*

1. **Read John 4:1-6.** Describe the setting. What was unusual about Jesus going through Samaria?

2. Why do you think John writes, "Now he had to go through Samaria"?

3. **Read John 4:7-15.** How did Jesus initiate a conversation with a Samaritan woman? (v. 7) What can we learn from his approach?

4. How did the woman respond? (v. 9) Why?

5. What can we learn from Jesus' example – that he went out of his way to associate with a Samaritan?

6. What does Jesus do next to spark the woman's interest?

7. Does she understand him? Explain.

8. **Read John 4:16-26.** How does Jesus begin to awaken an awareness of sin?

9. How does the woman try to deflect the question? (v. 17)

10. How does Jesus both affirm and loving confront her? (v. 18)

11. How does she try to sidetrack the conversation? (vss. 19-20)

12. How does Jesus return the conversation to the key issues?

### *Getting Personal*

- Who would be some of the "Samaritans" around us – people who are regarded as sinful?

- What would it look like to follow Jesus' example in relation to modern-day Samaritans?

- What steps do you feel God is calling you to take? Is there a Samaritan whom God would have you get to know – someone who needs living water?