

# NOTES ON TODAY'S TOPIC.

John 4:1-38

**JC Soundbites: Drink the water I give and never thirst**

## 1. Whoever we are, our deepest need is for eternal life (v10)

- she was genetically; ethnically; relationally; morally and religiously excluded
- but to Jesus she was thirsty for the total change of eternal life

## 2. Whatever we've done, our transforming power is eternal life (v14)

*"Jesus disturbs the comfortable before he comforts the disturbed."*

It's in admitting her situation that she encounters the power of Jesus' life giving grace:

- he doesn't exclude her because of who she is but shows her compassion
- he doesn't condemn her because of what she's done but offers her forgiveness and a new start
- he doesn't make her jump through religious hoops to get right with God but offers her eternal life right there and then

## 3. Wherever we've got to as a Christian, our daily strength is eternal life. (v23)

*"The worshippers God seeks worship him out of the fullness of the supernatural life they enjoy ('in spirit'), and on the basis of God's incarnate Self-Expression, Christ Jesus himself, through whom God's person and will are finally and ultimately disclosed ('in truth')." Don Carson*

## Are you receiving your RDA?

Revelation 22:17

John 5:24

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## Questions for further thought in Life Groups this week.

**Read** John 1:1-18; 3:1-21; 4:1-38. How does Jesus describe how eternal life is gained, what receiving eternal life means and what knowing eternal life implies for the Christian?

### Other passages to study and meditate on this week:

- Matt 11v28-30. In what ways are you spiritually and emotionally weary and burdened? Jesus invites us to come to him and take his direction (his yoke) and learn from him. How would that provide rest for your weary soul?
- Psalm 1. How does this Psalm suggest we will draw from God's streams of living water?
- Ezekiel 37:1-14. How do dry bones become living people? How do the spiritually dead become living people of God? (See also John 3:1-8)
- John 7:37-39; Acts 2. In what ways is the Holy Spirit like streams of living water to us? What impact does God's living water have in our lives?
- Revelation 22:17. What does Jesus' invitation mean to you right now?