

WHY ON EARTH

JOHN 3:1-21; JOHN 4:4-32

To Satisfy Our Need

I. Humanity is thirsty and dissatisfied. (Jn 3:1-4, 4:4-14)

A SPECTRUM OF DISSATISFIED HUMANITY

	CONVERSATION #1 JOHN 3: NICODEMUS	CONVERSATION #2 JOHN 4: SAMARITAN WOMAN
ETHNICITY	Jew	Samaritan
GENDER	Male	Female
SOCIAL STATUS	Ruler	Outcast
RELIGION	Expert Theologian	Confused Theologian
SOCIETAL CONDITION	Significant	Insignificant
SPIRITUAL CONDITION	In the Dark	Thirsty/Dry
DISSATISFIED?	Yes (New Birth/Light)	Yes (Living Water/Drink)

II. Jesus comes to satisfy humanity's thirst.

1. Jesus is available.

*This man [Nicodemus] came to Jesus by **night** ... John 3:2*

*And he [Jesus] **had** to pass through Samaria. ... so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about **the sixth hour**. John 4:4, 6*

2. Jesus makes a direct connection.

*... the **light** has come into the world, and people loved the **darkness** rather than the **light** because their works were evil. John 3:19*

*A woman from Samaria came to **draw water**. Jesus said to her, "Give me a **drink**." John 4:7*

3. Jesus knows back-stories.

*Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "**Are you the teacher of Israel** and yet you do not understand these things?" John 3:9-10*

*Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "**You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.**" John 4:16-18*

4. Jesus offers Himself.

*"For God so loved the world, that **he gave his only Son**, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16*

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things."

*Jesus said to her, "**I who speak to you am he.**" John 4:25-26*

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." AUGUSTINE

SATISFY YOUR THIRSTY SOUL IN JESUS CHRIST!

Jesus is available _____ .

Jesus is making a direct connection _____ .

Jesus knows _____ back-story!

Jesus offers Himself _____ !

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HOME GROUP STUDY

1. How did this sermon cause you to realize your own thirst? How have you gone about trying to satisfy that thirst in the past?

2. Read John 3:1-16 and John 4:1-26. What did Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman misunderstand about Jesus?

3. If Nicodemus or the Samaritan woman were talking to you instead of Jesus, how would you answer their questions and correct their misunderstanding of Him?

4. What does Jesus give that can't be found anywhere else? Why is it so critical that we understand this difference, and act on it?

5. How does the fact that Jesus knows your back-story give you confidence in His love and care for you?

6. How can you rely on Jesus in the coming weeks to satisfy your thirst instead of trying to find it elsewhere, especially during this holiday season in a year of turmoil and uncertainty? What specific and purposeful action can you take?

“If I find in myself
a desire which no
experience in this
world can satisfy,
the most probable
explanation is that
I was made for
another world.”

C. S. LEWIS

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of The Source at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

CONNECT WITH CHRIST CHAPEL THIS CHRISTMAS—TEXT “CCBCCONNECT” TO START. If you're looking for a place to settle in and celebrate, we're here to help! This December join us for the Christmas Cantata, a special Advent devotional, Women's Christmas Brunch and more. Text “CCBCCONNECT” to 94090 and we'll send you more info right away.

STOP BY THE ANGEL TREE IN THE GREAT ROOM TODAY. Angel Tree Ministry, a program of Prison Fellowship, brings the gospel and Christmas gifts to children who have one or more parents in prison. If you'd like to provide gifts for a child this Christmas, there are still angels available. Stop by the tree in the Great Room or go to www.ccbcfamily.org/angeltree.

PLAN YOUR STREAMING OF THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CANTATA. “The Promise of Christmas” is this year's Christmas Cantata, a beautiful holiday worship service led by the CCBC Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra. Services will stream this Saturday, Dec. 5 and next Sunday, Dec. 6. Go to www.ccbcfamily.org/events to decide when you'll watch at home!

JOIN US FOR THE CCBC ADVENT DEVOTIONAL STARTING TOMORROW, NOV. 30. This year we are celebrating Advent by studying Jesus' different names throughout the Bible. If you'd like to spend a few minutes every weekday reading Scripture and thinking on Jesus, join us tomorrow at www.ccbcfamily.org/advent.

RESERVE YOUR WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH BOX THIS WEEK. On Saturday, Dec. 12, Women's Ministry is hosting Christmas brunch in homes across Fort Worth. They've put together everything you'll need to gather your own group—conversation starters, a gospel-centered message to watch, recipes, a Christmas playlist and more—in a special Brunch Box. Reserve your box today at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

COUPLES, GIVE THE GIFT OF RE|ENGAGE THIS CHRISTMAS. This year has had no shortage of tension and challenges. Whether you are feeling the strains of 2020, struggling through bigger issues, or just ready to give your marriage some love and care in 2021, give re|engage to each other this Christmas. It's an experience that can strengthen and even transform your marriage. Learn what the sessions will look like and how to register at www.ccbcfamily.org/reengage.

CONSIDERING END-OF-YEAR GIVING? This year's end-of-year giving centers on Family Focused, our ministry vision for supporting families—the ones under our own roofs, Christ Chapel, the greater community and global church. To learn about the specific initiatives and give, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/give2020.

SHARE THE HOPE OF JESUS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. Sending notes to residents of nursing homes, serving with local ministries, checking in on a friend—there are a lot of ways you can share God's love and care this holiday season. Head to www.ccbcfamily.org/holidayserve to find a way to serve this week.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—just text “CCBCFW” to 77977 to get started.