# Encounters with Jesus 5. The woman at the well Jn 4

# Is there someone like me?

## Damaged by life

### Multiple long-term relationship failures

### Feeling the guilt and the condemnation of others even when it’s not there

## Reacting like a damaged person

# Jesus invites you on a journey out of yourself

## When Jesus talks to you He treats you like a normal human being

### Even though He knows your damage

# Jesus draws you to a personal walk with God

## It’s about Spirit and truth

# A journey with Jesus brings healing and restoration

### It doesn’t undo the past

## It brings wholeness

## It brings a connection with God

### ‘Living water’

## Believing is not enough!

### One of the key concepts John wants to put across

#### Believe AND receive

### Life = ‘living water’ is when you’re connected to God

### But it’s a start…

#### Beliefs →Values →Attitudes→ Behaviour

## My healed and restored life

### What damage needs mending?

### What restoration needs doing?

# Homegroup/Private study questions John 4

# Truth and acceptance

## When we are confronted by sinful behaviour…

### What happens when we emphasise truth over acceptance?

### What happens when we exercise acceptance over truth?

#### How can we ‘balance’ these two?

##### Illustrate with examples

# The woman at the well

## In what ways does Jesus offer hope to this person?

### As a person with multiple failed relationships?

### As a woman

### As a Samaritan (think ‘Muslim’) rather than a Jew?

### As a collector of water

## In what ways does Jesus show acceptance?

## In what ways does He include truth?

### How can we copy this example when we deal with difficult situations?

#### Do we need ‘inside knowledge’ to get the balance?

##### If so, where can we get it and how?

# The wider context

## John 4 has the story of the woman at the well

### Review John 1:1-18 and decide what this encounter with Jesus does to support John’s beliefs about who Jesus is

### The ‘Taheb’ (‘Messiah’ in the Samaritan language) would be similar to the Jewish Messiah but be ‘one of their own’

#### Why does Jesus have to include ‘Salvation comes from the Jews’? (21-24)

##### How does Jesus NOT allow this to turn into a debate about the origins of the Messiah?

###### How can we use this as a model for evangelism?

# Worship of God

## How do you understand v24?

### How do you do it?

### How would you describe to others ‘worshipping in spirit and in truth’?

### Is the woman ‘worshipping’ by telling her neighbours about Jesus?

#### If so, how? If not, why not?