

STUDY GUIDE

NEVER THE SAME 3.22.15

[instructions for LifeGroup leaders]

As you prepare to take your LifeGroup through this study, remember that this guide is provided in the hopes that you will customize it based on the insights you have of your group. You can dig deeper by studying in advance for additional references, study helps and applications or you can trim it down and focus on one section that you feel your group needs to discuss and grow in. It's your study "guide". Modify as much as you want and have fun with it!

[setup]

Do you have any stories from your New Life 10|24 efforts that you want to share?

In preparation for your time looking at the conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, view this modern portrayal of the woman at the well:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5y2GImTxpkM>

[digging deeper]

Read through the entire story of the woman at the well in John 4:1-42 (split into sections if in a LifeGroup)

What are your first or strongest observations when reading through this encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman?

What do we learn about salvation from this conversation?

What can we learn how to be more effective missionaries from this encounter?

How is the never the same from this moment on?

What lasting impact probably took place in the disciples from this moment on?

How can you relate to this woman in this account?

How are you inspired by Jesus in this account?

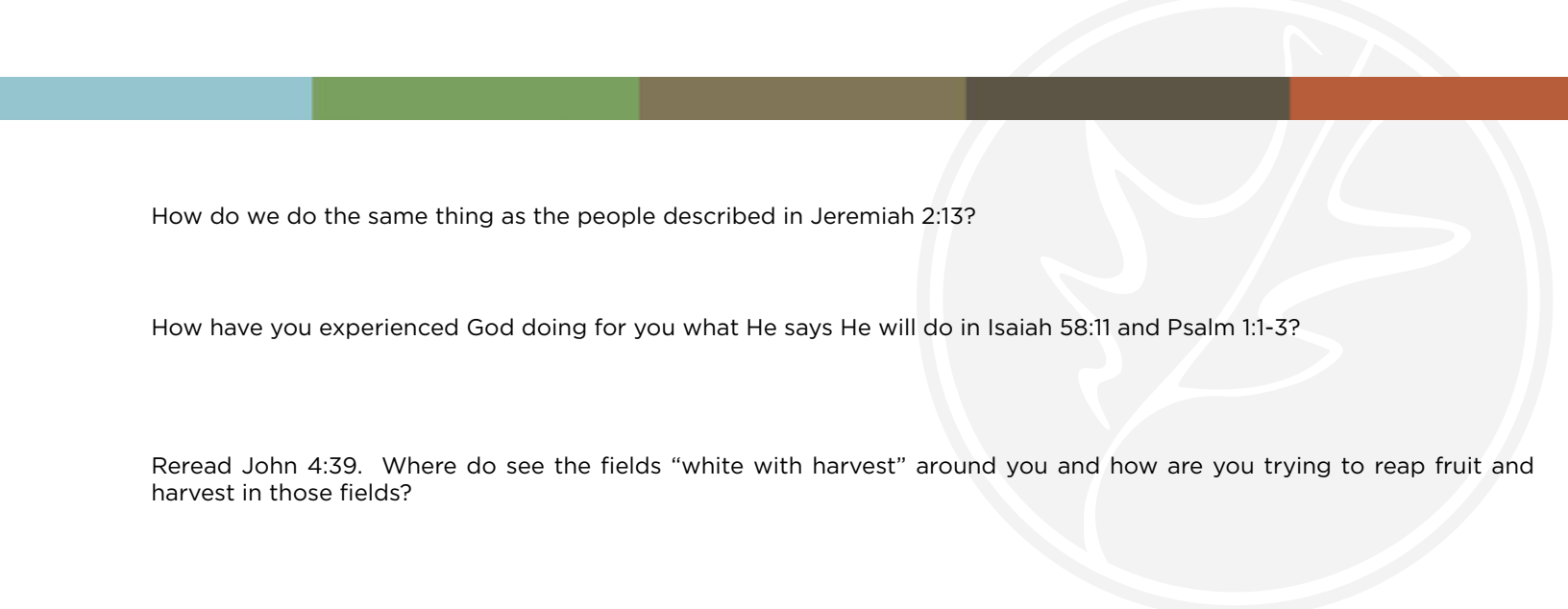
How do these additional verses affirm or elaborate on the living water offered by God?

John 7:38

Rev. 21:6

Rev. 22:17

Isaiah 55:1,2

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How do we do the same thing as the people described in Jeremiah 2:13?

How have you experienced God doing for you what He says He will do in Isaiah 58:11 and Psalm 1:1-3?

Reread John 4:39. Where do you see the fields “white with harvest” around you and how are you trying to reap fruit and harvest in those fields?

[live it out]

The woman at the well went back to her people and simply shared that she met Jesus and testified what He had done. How prepared are you in doing the same? Do you know how to share your testimony and are you active in sharing it? When sharing your testimony, you can simply give a brief telling of three truths (1) who you were before you met Jesus, (2) How you met Jesus, (3) How Jesus has changed you and given you new life. With that in mind, work this week on putting together (or dusting off) your testimony and take turns sharing a couple at each of the next LifeGroup meetings. This will be a time of mutual encouragement as well as practice. While doing that, also look to share your testimony with one person this week that you have been praying will come to Christ.

Jesus took the initiative to engage this woman. Who will you take the initiative with this week in sharing your testimony? Who are you inviting to Easter in two weeks as well? Now that Spring is upon us, more people are outside and about, this is a great time to take action in these areas. Be bold. Be courageous. Let someone know about the living water this week.

Close in prayer. you can pray for needs in your LifeGroup and for the people that you are reaching out to for New Life 10|24 and for Easter.