

SERMON-BASED STUDY: LIVING WATER

Jeremiah 2:12-13, ESV – ¹² *Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD,* ¹³ *for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.*

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

1 This week we were reminded that when we sin, we are turning away from God, the one who offers life. Have you ever thought of sin in this way? Explain.

2 Why do people continuously turn to things that do not offer life? How can we avoid this mistake in the future and stop sinning?

- 3 As believers, we are called to share the good news of Jesus with those in our sphere of influence. Why is a “failed attempt” at finding life in something else, an opportune time to share with them?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **1 John 3:4-6, ESV** – ⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

- 4 Looking at the passage above, what does John mean when he says, “sin is lawlessness.” How is this view of sin different from (or similar to) what we typically hear and see in our culture?

- 5 Why is Jesus’ sinlessness so important when it comes to Him taking away our sins?

- 6 Christ, in His sinless person and saving work, is fundamentally opposed to sin. Those who abide in Christ, likewise, will take on His sinless character. What does it mean to “abide” in Christ?

B **John 4:7-14, ESV** – ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?” ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

- 7 Looking at the passage above, what does Jesus mean by “living water”? How is this different from the water in the well?

8 Looking at verse 14, what does Jesus mean by “a spring of water welling up to eternal life”?

9 How have you responded to Jesus’ invitation to receive His living water? How has His living water helped you to abide in Him and not turn to sin?

TAKING IT HOME

Do you find yourself turning to God or to other things for “living water”? What is the result of turning to God? What is the result of turning to other things? How are you doing with abiding in Christ? What practical steps can you take this week to spend more time abiding in Him? Share with your group or accountability partner what God has been showing you. Pray for one another as you seek to be people who abide in Christ and not people who seek after other things.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 36:7-9

Proverbs 28:13

1 John 1:8-10