

PASTORS AND LEADERS



## *The Encounter at the Well*

Jesus is still unknown in many far-flung places on this earth. You are needed to help cross cultural boundaries to share His love.

**Let's explore together John 4 →**



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empowering communities to develop their own distinctive ways of following Jesus



## Introduction

In the early pages of John's Gospel we find Jesus deeply immersed in His own Jewish culture on mission to His own people, ministering in His own language, culture and religious heritage.

In chapter 4 Jesus' direction changes dramatically. He travels from the Jewish heartland to the marginal region of Samaria. This transition is not only geographical, Jesus crosses barriers of culture, ethnicity, gender and social convention, to the amazement of all.

From then on in the New Testament we find the followers of Jesus launching out under the propulsion of the Holy Spirit crossing boundaries to share the Good News of Jesus.

Today 42% of people on earth are least-reached. There are significant boundaries to be crossed to be able to share the Gospel with them. Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well provides an example that Global Interaction Cross-Cultural Workers follow each day.

## Themes

Adapt these themes to your congregation or small group.

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### 🚫 The Barrier-crossing God

*Coming from Heaven to Earth.*

*Overcoming boundaries of culture, ethnicity, gender, religion.*

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### 🎁 The Gift for all Cultures – Jesus

*Satisfies longings.*

*Living, eternal water.*

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### ♥ The Transformational Encounter

*He knows us and loves us.*

*Offers us a new 'well' – His Spirit.*

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### 💬 The Power of Testimony

*First missionary – local believer reaches her own community.*

*A transformed individual impacts a community.*

**Full sermon series available:**

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# Application Questions

As you develop your application – here are some questions you might consider – ask others around you as you prepare.

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## → **Identify the ‘wells’ (meeting spaces/hubs) in your community**

- Who is there? Is there someone or a ministry working in these areas who can share?
  - Spend time looking at your community – what are the points of connection? Are these spaces mono or multi-cultural?
  - Embrace a fast e.g. substituting all drinks for water. What does it feel like to be thirsty? What is the effect of each drink?
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## → **Noticing other people**

- What influences inform your opinions of others? Do we move towards people or away?
  - What prayer exercise could move our hearts/church to being missional?
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## → **Crossing boundaries**

- Do you have a personal growth example of doing something outside your comfort zone for others to imitate?
  - Could you give your congregation something tangible to empower them to sit and talk to someone new?
  - Spiritual gifts audit – do you know who are evangelists/ pastors/ teachers etc? Are they serving using these gifts to advance His Kingdom?
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## → **What to share**

- Have a testimony sharing workshop. Can someone share theirs on the platform?
- How, as a community, can you help others to reach their friends and make your church a ‘well’?

# Come and Make an Impact this May



Gather a group and participate in Xpose (local community) or Global Xposure (Africa/Asia or Outback Australia) to experience mission in action.



Set an alarm at 10:02 each day to pray for more workers to share the Gospel.



Get behind a worker or project to enable the message of Jesus to be shared. Giving envelopes are available.



Download the Ekteino App and take the 4 week discipleship challenge as a group.

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