# Thirsting for Wholeness Sermon Based Discussion (March 13, 2016) Broken & Mended (Lent 2016)

### WARM UP

1. In your academic field or career industry, what accomplishments or credentials do you need to be considered as "making it"?

Perhaps in your field, to be "making it" or successful you might need to reach a certain earning level. Perhaps it means to have a type of home or job. Perhaps it means to have a certain type of spouse or family. In any case, we can probably relate to not making it at times.

In this session, Jesus reaches out to a woman who, by all ancient accounts, is the opposite of "making it." She is broken by her past, ashamed to interact with others, and thirsts for wholeness.

### INTO THE BIBLE (Read John 4:1-26)

- 2. What do we know about the woman from this passage?
- 3. Why is Jesus' talking with this Samaritan woman so unusual for that day and culture? What does that tell us about Jesus?

# UNDERSTANDING

- 4. What does Jesus mean by his statement in verse 10?
- 5. How come those who have the Living Water of the Holy Spirit (see John 7:37-39) will never thirst again? What does that mean?

6. According to verse 23, is it correct to say that people are "seeking Jesus" instead of God seeking out people? Why might this be important?

## DIFFERENCE

- 7. How would you feel if you were the person with Jesus in this account, where a stranger knew all about your past and yet still reached out to you?
- 8. Jesus teaches that people will never thirst again if they drink the Living Water. What do people try to find salvation in instead of God?

Look over the list of things you wrote above. Do any of those provide ultimate satisfaction and salvation compared to knowing God?

#### APPLICATION

9. How does this account of Jesus with this woman relate to your life?

10. What is the Holy Spirit prompting you to stop putting hope in? What is the Holy Spirit prompting you to ask from God?