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The Road Less Traveled

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1. Compare and contrast Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus in John 3:1-15 with his conversation with the woman of Samaria in John 4:1-30. Why did John have these two accounts back-to-back?

2. What do the following texts teach us about the history of Samaria (1 Kings 16:21-24; 2 Kings 17:1-33)?

3. What does John 4 teach us about the relationship between Israel (Jews) and Samaria (Samaritans)?

4. What sort of cultural barriers does Jesus break through by going to Samaria? What does this tell us about Jesus? What barriers do we have today? How does John 4 help you to think about barriers?

5. What is the living water Jesus offers? (See John 4; 7:37-39).



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6. What is Jesus saying about worship in vv.20-24? What is he saying about temples?

7. What is Jesus' approach to reaching the woman of Samaria? If Jesus is our model for effective evangelism, then what can we learn?