

A summary John 4:1-27

- 4. Jesus wanted the woman to give Him a drink :** Jesus asked the woman for a drink. Do we care for the needs of the saints, and for the gospel friends? We should never despise the care that needs to be rendered to people who need jobs, who need help with their studies, or with their family life. We must pay attention to the physical needs of the saints. Yet while caring for the needs of people, we must learn how to turn them from the material or even religious aspect of their needs to the Lord Himself, from the worldly water to Christ Himself. In taking care of people's needs, we need to lead them to go higher. For example, many people, like the Samaritan woman, may know the Bible. They may read the Bible. But do they know God? When we read the Bible, do we receive revelation?
- 5. Do we give Jesus a drink?:** The Lord is seeking satisfaction in His church, His testimony, which is His heart's desire. It is not just me, individually, that He is seeking, but His testimony in every city. When we contact and accompany people, we need to turn them from all the necessary things of life to Christ Himself.
- 6. The woman left her waterpot:** Do I? The waterpot signifies our own interests, what motivates and fills us and causes us to live our life a certain way. Do I leave my own interests? I may be very content with the kind of church life that I have. I may serve a little bit in some areas, and even talk to people on Sunday morning, or coordinate with brothers during the week for a particular service or need, and think that I am with people. Am I really with people? Do I practice what the woman did in 4:28 and 4:29? Do I leave my waterpot of comfort and go to invite people to "come and see?" We always have excuses: "I am too busy," "I am already serving on this and that," "I already did that when I was younger," or "Let the young people preach the gospel. They are more energetic and in any case they have more time!" Our waterpot grows bigger and bigger with every excuse that we can think of.
- 7. The Lord's life will multiply in the church only if it multiplies in me:** We should never fool ourselves that everything is okay, and that everything will be okay, and that the Lord's life will prevail. If I do not grow, the church will not grow. If I do not preach the gospel (in some kind of way), people will not come to know the Lord. If the Lord does not speak to me, He will not speak to others. If I do not leave my waterpot, how can others leave their waterpots? It is altogether too easy to dream that the church will be blessed. May the Lord speak to me and send me, that He may speak to and send others.