

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND
SMALL GROUP NOTES - Sharing Christ through friendship

w/b 27 July 2014 (Trinity 6) Jesus makes a difference to the woman at the well. John 4:4-29, 39-42
*Instead of formal 'notes' this week here are some discussion questions
for groups/ individuals who wish to reflect on this week's theme.*

Welcome/ icebreaker	Relate a significant worship 'experience' (this could included traditional as well as contemporary worship). What made it stand out in your memory?
Worship	Choose songs that focus on Jesus as the source of refreshment and renewal ('living water')
Word (<i>refs.↓</i>)	
John 4: 4-29 & 39-42	<p>Read the whole passage (vv.1-42) if you can. Then discuss/ reflect on these questions from the Serendipity New Testament (there is no single right answer)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the Samaritan woman really saying in response to Jesus' question, 'Will you give me a drink?' <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) "Don't you know who I am (an outcast)?" b) "Why would you want to talk to me?" c) "You're giving me too much attention – what do you want?" d) "You're threatening me". 2. How do you assess her response to Jesus' words in v.10? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) stumbling for an answer at first b) a stirring spiritual desire for something c) curious: 'Is it possible this is the thing I've been looking for?' d) sceptical: 'Who do you think you are?' 3. What is her response to Jesus words in vv.13-14? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) puzzled: "are you joking?" b) keen: "I'd love this living water" c) open: "I'm ready for whatever it is you are offering" 4. When Jesus declared that 'the time is coming... when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth...', what was her response (in v.25)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) deep desire: I want that for myself; b) awareness: I think I understand; c) commitment: Count me in; d) clarification: What do you want from me? 5. How do you picture her when Jesus said, 'I...am he' (v. 26)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) mouth open in surprise; b) puzzled – furrowed brow; c) angry – eyes flashing d) delighted - laughing
reflect	What is your primary motivation in coming to church to worship? How does corporate worship help you to engage with God and hear from him?
Witness/ Group life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pray for your mission link(s) and others who need Jesus' refreshment. ➤ Pray for people you know - friends, family, neighbours - who aren't yet Christians; for ways to invite them to something that will spark their interest. ➤ Plan an outreach activity as a group (perhaps for the one of the May day or Spring bank holiday weekends, or around the royal wedding.)