



Key Passage: John 4:1-43

Core Truth: Jesus is the perfect comeback we're all waiting for.

- ⏪ The woman at the well has a spoiled reputation.
- ⏪ Jesus gets beneath the surface of her reputation.
- ⏪ Jesus gives living water to those who believe He is Messiah.

Prompt: Get a pitcher full of water. Pass out cups to the students to fill with water until it runs out. Make sure one cup has a hole in it. Invite students to drink it. Make fun of those who get none. Segue into Clayton King's message, which will surface our longings through the picture of human thirst.

Play: Video of Clayton King, "Waiting for #7" buildmomentum.org/resources

Process: Select from the following questions to help students remember, rekindle and reengage.

- ⏪ **Read** John 4:1-26.
- ⏪ **What are some important facts about the setting (time and place) of this story?**
- ⏪ Clayton lists several "odd and interesting" actions of Jesus. **What does this odd encounter teach about Jesus?**
- ⏪ Our reputations affect how others relate to us. **What was the reputation of this Samaritan woman? How did it affect her social status? How does your reputation affect your relations?**
- ⏪ The woman perks up at the idea of "living water" (v 15). She sounds ready to take the offer if it means she doesn't have to return to the well. **What does this comment say about her hurt?**
- ⏪ Clayton criticized social media for making it too easy to edit and airbrush our lives. He said, "There's always a story on the surface, but we don't see the inner story." **How does this truth affect your relationships? What false image do you project?**
- ⏪ Clayton said, "When we can't get to Jesus, he gets to us." Interact with this idea. **What aspects of your life make it hard to get to Jesus? Where do you see Him reaching to you?**
- ⏪ **Read** John 4:39-43. Describe how the townspeople responded to the woman's story of Jesus. **How might one person's "comeback" become contagious?**
- ⏪ Clayton called the message "Waiting on Number Seven" because Jesus fulfilled and perfected the what the Samaritan woman had been waiting for. **What was it?**
- ⏪ **What are you waiting for? How do you try to fulfill that longing in the meantime?**

Pray: Extend to your students the invitation to *comeback* to Jesus. Give them an opportunity to confess their spoiled reputation and acknowledge Jesus embraces them and offers living water.