



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### John 4:20-29 Study Hints for Discussion

[Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further](#) below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The [Class Preparation Guide](#) includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the [Verse-by-Verse Scripture Handout](#), which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

#### **1. Why do you think the Samaritan woman asked Jesus a question about where people should worship?**

To either turn their attention away from further discussion of her sinful past or to find the right place to go to make sacrifices for the forgiveness of her sins.

#### **2. What did Jesus tell the woman to do in John 4:21? What does that command mean to you?**

He told her “Believe me.” That command tells me that I need to not only believe in who Jesus is but also believe what He commands and says.

#### **3. How does a true follower of Jesus worship? What kind of person does the Father seek to worship Him?**

A true follower of Jesus worships the Father in the Spirit and in truth. The Father seeks those who will worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

#### **4. What did the woman tell Jesus she believed about the Messiah? Was her belief right or wrong? What did Jesus tell her in response?**

She believed he would explain everything. Right. He told her that He was the Messiah (not just a prophet, as she thought at first).

**5. What did the woman do after she believed in Jesus? Why did she do this?**

She was so excited she left her water jar behind and went to tell the people of the town. The Holy Spirit and her belief in Jesus so changed her life that the townspeople could see the change, and the Holy Spirit guided her testimony about Jesus.

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