



AROUND THE WELL

BECOMING AN OVERFLOW
OF GRACE



THE WELL
COMMUNITY CHURCH



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ABOUT THIS STUDY

It's the space around a well that matters most.

The thirsty drink deep.

Outcasts gather in community.

Dry lands grow lush.

It's the space around The Well that matters most:

Those who don't yet know the eternal life-giving gospel who come to drink deep of the message and person of Christ. Those who are alone, outcast, forgotten and overlooked, who come to find and join the family of Christ.

Our neighborhood, county, city around The Well will flourish as the irrigation of His grace overflows through the demonstration and declaration of the gospel. When The Well is living as "The Well," everyone else flourishes as we go deeper and deeper in Christ together.

If we are following Jesus together, it will surely be to the glory of God and good of His world.

In this series, we'll consider "The Well," our name and identity. We'll get into the nuts and bolts of how be a person who follows Christ in a way that your neighbor, coworker and friend might come to know Christ through you. We'll get into the nuts and bolts of how be a people together who might see the blessing of Christ overflow from our body to the people and place of our city. We will focus on conversations and how to have them, community and how to invite others in, serving and how to do it.

Follow the below schedule to study the passages on your own, and discuss what God is showing you together with your group. This and more can be found at thewellsilverspring.org/resources.

PERSONAL DAILY STUDY

Following the below process, prayerfully read the scheduled passage of Exodus. Spend the entire week on the given section, slowly reading and rereading it in order to deeply, and accurately, interact with God. Consider the above supplemental questions per each

given week. Check out the GROW Tool, or one of our other simple study guides online, which provides the full detail this summary below (links for GROW Guide below):

Get Into It

First, we ask: *“What does this say?”*

Read the passage a few times and carefully observe the words; give full attention to what it says. The purpose is to saturate in the content of the passage.

Look for things such as: important words (what’s being talked about), conjunctions (how is one idea connected to another), admonitions (something

being commanded), contrasts, comparisons, illustrations, repeated phrases/words, mood, and grammatical construction (verb tenses, prepositional phrases, etc.).

Linger here, listening to what God is saying in the detail of His words. Write down questions that the passage raises for you, things you don’t understand, ideas you’d like to pursue further.

Resources

We now ask ourselves: *“What does it mean?”*

Use the observations you just gathered, the context of the section, and other passages of scripture to get at the meaning of what you have read. You will particularly want to read the OT references and

stories alluded to in each section. Consider using a commentary, the ESV Study Bible notes, or other resources to help.

We’ve listed resources in the GROW document linked below.

Outline

Next: *summarize the main truth* you heard from God in His word.

Consider writing out the synthesized truth in your

own words. Outline, diagram, draw, or flowchart the line of thought or main idea of the passage.

Summarize what jumped out of His word.

Why Does it Matter?

Now we must ask: *“How do I respond?”*

After meeting God in His word, we cannot ignore, or walk away unchanged. Why does the truth you heard matter to you today?

Is there something new to believe, cling to, or a sin to confess?

Is there something for you to do (or not do) in response to what you have read?

Is there someone with whom to share this truth (believer or nonbeliever)?

Do not forget to apply the gospel for your forgiveness, and as the reason compelling your obedience:

Christ is enough!

He has forgiven you for _____
and He is the reason why we _____.

TOOLS

GROW or SOAP Bible Study Doc

(thewellsilverspring.org/resources)

Use one of our short guides on how to study the Bible to guide you in studying the scriptures referenced for each week.

3D Meeting Guide

(thewellsilverspring.org/resources)

Use this guide to help you discuss the Bible, share life, and pray with each other.

Other Resources

Commentaries - these will help clarify challenging passages:

- i. [Matthew Henry Commentary](#) (Free Online)
- ii. [ESV Study Bible](#)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

Outsiders Come In

JOHN 4.1-42

QUESTIONS

Who, what, where, when does this interaction occur, and why do these details matter for the story?

Who do you most resonate with in the interchange: the disciples, the woman, Jesus, the villagers?

How would you explain the interaction between the woman and Jesus?

Verses 28-29 and 39 highlight an interesting response from the woman at the well. Explain what is going on in the way she reacts and how the people react to her message.

SO WHAT?

Where are you seeking satisfaction outside of Christ? Which neighbor, coworker, friend, might connect with your story of finding life in Christ? How could you move towards them relationally in order to hear their story, and share yours over time?

Jesus Our Living Water

JOHN 7.1-39

QUESTIONS

What is the setting?

What is the Feast of Booths?

How would you describe Jesus's actions in this passage?

Focus in on Jesus's culminating actions (v. 37-39). What sticks out?

How would you summarize what is occurring and what Jesus is saying?

SO WHAT?

How do you, and those around you, pushing back on the life that Jesus offers?
Who in your life is open to hearing about how Jesus has shown you life?
Who in your life is antagonistic to Christ? What is Jesus calling you to, in order to move closer to them, share with them, challenge them, etc?

The Church Overflows the Spirit

ACTS 2.14-41

QUESTIONS

How is the Holy Spirit “poured out?”

What things occur in this passage as the Spirit comes (2.1-13)?

Now read v. 42-47: In what ways did the Spirit mark the community of the church right away?

Through the book of Acts, what are some examples of how the church demonstrates and declares the gospel?

SO WHAT?

What things keep you personally from demonstrating or declaring the gospel? How could the presence of God in you and your community group help you/you all declare and demonstrate the gospel this month? What is your next step towards doing so?

An Irrigation of His Grace

REVELATION 22.1-5 & EZEKIEL 47.1-12

QUESTIONS

Describe the scene in both passages.

How would you categorize the different effects of the river of God's grace?

In what aspects of life, community, and society would you expect to see the impact of His grace, both inside and outside of the church?

SO WHAT?

How is grace overflowing from you to others? How might God be calling you, or your group, to become more of a conduit of His grace? Where can your group actively become a source of blessing and service in your neighborhood or county? What is the next step for you, or your group towards overflowing His grace?

Our Shepherd Satisfies

REVELATION 7.9-17 & PSALM 23

QUESTIONS

How is Revelation 1.9-14 connected (“*therefore*”) with the conclusions shared in v. 15-17?

How is Jesus our shepherd?

How is Jesus both the Lamb and the Shepherd and how are these two roles connected?

SO WHAT?

How has Jesus shown himself to be all sufficient in every aspect of life? Where are you grateful for His shepherding, in protection, satisfaction, rest, peace, life etc? Where do you need to seek Him more for these things? Where are others around you seeking the Shepherd’s satisfaction, and protection? How can you introduce them to the Shepherd?

TOGETHER WITH YOUR 3D GROUP

Use the following format to discuss the passage together in your 3D group. You'll find the specific supplementary questions for Moses's life (Exodus)

in the above schedule. You can also find the full details for 3D discussion in our [3D Meeting Guide](#). Here is a summary:

Bible

First, discuss the Bible passage from the week:

- 1 What does the passage say? What jumps out to you? What key ideas, commands, promises, words, ideas, etc, struck you this week?
- 2 How would you summarize the main truth from the section? How might this inform your thinking and shape the way we are to live?
- 3 Where is the gospel connected to this truth? What does this highlight about who we are, or about who God is?

Life

Share about how this truth impacts your life today:

For you today, why does this specifically matter?

Is there something God calling you to obey in response to His word?

Is there something you need to do or not do? Something to believe, promise to cling to, or a sin to confess?

Is there someone to share this truth with?

Prayer

Pray throughout your time together.

Offer praises to God when something encouraging is shared; ask for help from God as challenges are shared.

Close in prayer.

Spend time to respond to God's truth in the scriptures and from your conversation.

Praise Him.

Confess sin to Him.

Thank Him.

Ask Him for His power and provision.