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## Sermon Discussion Guide

### Enduring Satisfaction in Jesus - Christian Lindbeck

### Easter Sunday April 9, 2023

#### Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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**Study Goal:** Small group members will feel invited to bring weary dissatisfaction or thin happiness once again to the Spring of Living Water, who died and was resurrected to restore and satisfy the deepest needs of His cherished creation. In this way, we can all find ourselves rejoicing again in the Good News of Easter.

#### Hook - Getting to know one another

*How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.*

- What is a small pleasure in your life? Something little or small or insignificant that brings you great joy or deep satisfaction in life.
- Share about a time when you felt extremely thirsty.
- How would you describe "abundant life"?
- Share about a season of life (now or in the past) where it felt like you were experiencing abundant life.

#### Book - Scripture

*Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying.***

- Read John 4:4-30, 39-42.
  - What details stand out to you about the interactions between Jesus and the Samaritan woman?
  - What are the most important words of Jesus in this story and what are his most important actions?
  - What are the needs of the woman in the story, temporary or small, and what needs are more profound?
  - What is Jesus offering this woman (and then her community)?
  - What is the result of this conversation between Jesus and this woman?



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#### Look - Connections to our world today

*This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.*

- Why was this story included in scripture? What is the good news given to us in this particular story?
- What does the Samaritan woman teach us about what it means to faithfully follow God?
- What are the challenges we face to live out the truth of this story in our own lives?
- What does it look like to live deeply satisfied by the truth of this scripture in a loud, distracting, and at times really hard world?

#### Took - Personal Application

*This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*

- Examine your own heart. Do you live into the abundant life that has been offered to you through walking with Jesus?
  - If not, what's missing? What would it mean for you to live out this truth in a deeper way tomorrow?
- The Samaritan woman had this encounter with Jesus and she went back and shared about it with the people of her town. Who are the people in your life that know and hear about the impact of Jesus in your life?
  - Or, how can we actually experience this enduring satisfaction in Jesus and then share it?
- How does this story make you want to pray?

#### Time of Prayer