

## Lesson 4 – Living Water – Leader Guide

*Leader – If you would like to reach out to your group ahead of time with some Scripture to read prior to attending, we recommend Jeremiah 2, Isaiah 32:1-2 and John 7-8.*

Opening Discussion: *Leader – Open with continued discussion around the metaphors we have spoken about in the past three weeks. Hopefully your group members are beginning to feel comfortable enough to open up about their deserts and the chaos they have experienced. Allow them time to give testimony regarding these parts of life and bear witness as to how God and his people came around them.*

- Return to the theme of the desert. Is anyone willing to share a significant desert experience in your life?
- Did you experience any shalom in the chaos of that place? Who or what was City Gates to you?
- Were you able to be city gates this week? Tell us about it.

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- Read Jeremiah 2:13 and review the two types of water of the ancient world
  - o What does God say are the two sins that His people committed?
  - o Why is it hard for us to simply rely on what God provides vs. what we think we can collect and store?
  - o Is there a time when you relied on your own broken cisterns? Or can you tell us of a time when your cisterns had run dry and you had to turn to him?
- Read Isaiah 32:1-2
  - o Who is the King that reigns in Tzedekah (righteousness) and who are the rulers that rule in Mishpat (justice)? *(God is the King, His People {Us} are the rulers)*
  - o This passage uses these metaphors to describe us: shade, shelter, refuge + streams of water. These are all images of shalom; these are all pictures of relief from chaos. Does the world view the church this way? Why or why not?
  - o Can you think of someone who has been like living water or any of these metaphors to you? Share your experience with the group.

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- Read John 7:37-38
  - o The world is depending on us to priest and we can't do it unless we are connected to the source. How do we regularly go to him to quench our thirst? Individually? Communally? What keeps us from this?

Post Video Discussion: *Leader – The emphasis for discussion in this session is geared toward seeing God as the source of anything and everything we have to offer the world. Hopefully participants will begin to reject the emptiness of relying on our own strength and embrace the fullness that comes from drinking the living water, only Christ offers.*