

**Broken Signposts (3 of 7)**  
Small Group Discussion Questions

Join our congregation for worship in-person or online at 10:30 am each Sunday via our [Grantham Church YouTube Channel](#). If you ever miss a message, the sermons are always posted to the sermons page at our website and at the Grantham Church Podcast the following day, along with the sermon slides and small group discussion questions under Worship Resources. Thank you for staying connected with us!

**Sunday, March 12th 2023**



**Sermon Series:** Broken Signposts | Lent 2023 Sermon Series

**Sermon Title:** The Hidden Spring of Spirituality

**Scripture Reading:** John 2:18-22; 3:5-8; 4:13-14; 14:6; 15:1-8

**Sermon Focus:** For the last two hundred years or more Western culture has been trying to relegate religious belief and practices to the private sphere. And in our secular age of scientism, materialism, and political idolatry, attempts have been made to pave over the spring of spirituality with concrete. In the third message of our series, Pastor David shares why this spring eventually bursts open and reveals a thirst only Jesus can quench.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person or by video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Pastor David began by reading an excerpt from *Simply Christian* about a dictator who paved over springs with concrete. Eventually the springs burst open! N.T. Wright likened this to how elites of Western culture have tried to regulate religion and spirituality, only for it to explode in good and bad ways in society (e.g., the 1960s and 70s). How have you seen this in American culture in recent years?
2. Read John 3:1-8 and then John 4:1-26. Compare and contrast these two stories of encounters with Jesus. How are they similar? How are they different? And how do these stories speak to you about the person of Jesus and his will for your life?
3. Pastor David showed a clip from *The Chosen* of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. What did you notice about this portrayal of the Lord purposely going to meet this woman? How did the scene speak to you?
4. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). In the original Greek, Jesus is emphatic that he alone is the way to God the Father. Do you think that this is any more challenging today than it was in the first century? Does this verse challenge you? Also, if this is true, what implications does it have for sharing our faith with others?
5. Set a timer for 5 minutes. Read John 4:13-14 silently to yourself. Meditate on the words. Is there a word or phrase that jumps out at you? What are the wells in your life that aren't satisfying you? Now close your eyes and sit with the passage as you listen for the voice of the Spirit. Share what God is saying to you with the group.
6. What are the spiritual needs in your life? What are the spiritual needs in your group? What about the spiritual needs in our church? Share those things aloud. Finally, spend some time sharing these things with God as you close in prayer.