

husband. What you have just said is quite true.

Samaritan Woman: Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.

Jesus: Woman, believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you don't know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews.

Narrator: What Jesus was saying to the woman was that the place where a person worships is not the most important thing. The most important thing is that we worship God from the heart.

(Narration taken from John 4:1-24.)

Now read John 4:25-30, 39-42 to see how the story continues.

Then answer the following questions:

1. The Samaritan woman had several problems. What were they?
2. Why do you think Jesus talked to her?
3. The disciples were away buying food. What do you think they would have done if they had been there when Jesus and the woman started talking?
4. In what way did Jesus bring about a change in the life of the Samaritan woman?
5. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 = not important and 10 = very important), how would you rate the change in the woman's life, and why?