

# WE NEED TO TALK

## Discussion Notes

### WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT YOU

Read through John 4:1-26 together.

Jesus says to the woman, "**you are thirsty**". Philip explained that this metaphor is true for us too - we are looking for something to satisfy us.

- When you look around you, what do you think people in Bristol are looking for to satisfy their thirst?
- What in your life do you look to for satisfaction?

Then Jesus says to the woman that '**you are broken**'. She has had several husbands and is living as a social outcast.

- Realising that we are broken is a big thing for us to acknowledge. What do you think people in our society would say to the idea of admitting that we are broken? Would they agree? Or find it offensive?
- Have you had a time when you had the realisation this woman had, where you stopped and thought about brokenness in your life?
- Philip spoke about the 'Dunning-Kruger Effect' where we overestimate our own ability and underestimate our own flaws - do you agree with this in your own life?
- One risk for us is that we become consumed by our flaws and brokenness. How can we acknowledge our need for Jesus without becoming overly self-critical?

The solution Jesus gives the woman is that she can find 'living water' in him so that she won't be thirsty again. Because of this, Jesus says to the woman '**you can be changed**'.

- What do you think 'living water' means?
- How have you been changed by finding Jesus - can you give a specific example? Or how do you want to be changed?

The woman realises that she is changed and wants to share it with the whole village. In fact in John 4:39-41 we see that loads of people who she told about Jesus became believers.

- How can our experiences of being thirsty, broken and then changed help other people find Jesus?
- What holds us back from sharing this news with our friends in the way that the woman at the well did?