



**Points to note:** Drawing water from the well was a task typically done in the early morning rather than in the heat of midday. It is likely that the woman was avoiding others by visiting the well at this time of day. In the society at the time, this was shunned because of her gender, race, marital status and behaviour. She would have expected that a man, especially a Jewish man, would have completely ignored her.

*Read about the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4:1-42*

*Pray*

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- What stood out to you in this passage?
- Why do you think Jesus engaged with this woman?
- What might the woman have been thinking when Jesus spoke to her?
- What difference do you think this encounter with Jesus made in the life of this woman?
- What could we learn from the example of Jesus in this interaction?

Jesus gave the woman purpose. After this encounter, she had a meaningful contribution to make. As she spoke up and shared her story, the woman positively influenced her whole community.

- Is there a time when you have felt more worthy because of the contribution that you have made?
- Are there examples that you can see in our community where women are not noticed or valued?
- How could we raise up women by valuing their contributions?
- Share about one woman you are grateful today. What influence has that woman had on your life?

Jesus helped the woman to find her voice.

- What has God prompted you to speak out about?
- Whose voice is not heard in your family or community?
- How could you help someone else to find their voice?

### **REFLECT**

How could you apply what you have learnt today to your own life?