



## Discussion Guide for “Afraid to Ask”

### *Broken Promises Week 3*

How often do you ask God for what you want? For a lot of us, even the idea sounds wrong - as though we're annoying the greatest being in the universe, making ourselves a burden to the one who has far more important things on their plate. But Jesus reminds us that God cares deeply about our needs and is aware of them even before we voice them. So... what are we afraid of? What's holding us back for asking for good gifts from our creator?

#### **Passage for Sacred Reading:**

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. Get a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is John 4:5-42.

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. Why might someone be afraid to voice their needs and wants to God? What do *you* ask God for? How do you feel about making requests of God?
2. Revisit the Israelites' requests in Exodus 17. Do you find them unreasonable? Discuss.
3. Why was Moses irritated with them? Do you find it interesting that God doesn't express any annoyance? What do you see happening in this text?
4. As the Samaritan woman approached the well, what do you think she thought when she saw Jesus? Review their interactions, and trace how you think she felt as their meeting progressed.
5. Jesus offered her water she didn't even know she needed. What does this say about Jesus' posture toward our needs?
6. Is your prayer life going to change this week, in light of this message? Discuss.