



# Pause

## Life Group Questions: Pause For a Conversation

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### Read

John 4:3-18, 25-26

### Reflect

This week's message is about Jesus, a well, and an unlikely conversation. If you go into any library or bookstore you can find entire books devoted to the art of conversations. You can learn why conversations matter, how to initiate them, etc. Conversations are important because without them our ability to know one another is limited severely. Prayer is the same way; if we never speak to God, how can we say that we know him? How often do you make time for conversations with others? With God?

Pastor Adam Martin gave us three tools for preparing for a conversation with God:

1. Be willing to listen
  - a. Some of us think that we are great conversationalists but the truth is we're just good at talking. When we get going, no one else can get a word in edgewise. Prayer is often the same. It's easy to see prayer as us talking and God listening. But God wants to speak to us as well. When was the last time you prayed and did more listening than talking?
2. Be willing to be honest
  - a. Have you ever been less than honest with a friend who saw right through you? It feels foolish – of course the person can see the truth; they know us too well. It is the same with God. It can be intimidating to be completely honest with him in prayer, but what's the point of trying to fool an omniscient God?
  - b. What keeps us from being honest in conversations with others? Why do we try to hide things from God when we pray?
3. Be willing to leave our jars behind
  - a. The woman at the well left her old life behind after her encounter with Jesus. What have you been carrying around with you that you need to leave behind?
  - b. What burden do you insist on carrying, even though we have freedom in Christ? Why are you holding onto it? What would it take for you to set it down and leave it behind?

What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?

### Respond

- What do you feel like God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? What is your next step?
- How can your Small Group support you and hold you accountable in this?