

Serving by Reaching III

“People who are Strangers”

KJV John 4:1 - 30

John 4:1 When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, ² (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,) ³ He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee. ⁴ **And he must needs go through Samaria.** ⁵ Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about **the sixth hour.** ⁷ **There cometh a woman of Samaria** to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, **Give me to drink.** ⁸ (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) ⁹ Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, **How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.** ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. ¹¹ The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? ¹² Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? ¹³ Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: ¹⁴ **But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I**

shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. ¹⁵ The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. ¹⁶ Jesus saith unto her, **Go, call thy husband, and come hither.** ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, ¹⁸ **Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband:** in that saidst thou truly. ¹⁹ The woman saith unto him, **Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.** ²⁰ Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. ²¹ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, **worship** the Father. ²² Ye **worship** ye know not what: we know what we **worship:** for salvation is of the Jews. ²³ But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true **worshippers** shall **worship** the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to **worship** him. ²⁴ God is a Spirit: and they that **worship** him must **worship** him in spirit and in truth. ²⁵ The woman saith unto him, I know that **Messiah** cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. ²⁶ Jesus saith unto her, **I that speak unto thee am he.** ²⁷ And upon this came his disciples, and marveled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? ²⁸ The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, ²⁹ **Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?** ³⁰ Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

How do we serve our community by reaching?

I

There were historical no t **respassing** signs in Samaria for Jews.

Jesus went to the right place, Samaria. Vs 4

Jesus came to the right place, the well of water. Vs 6

Jesus came at the right time; timing is everything in service. Vs 6

Jesus **encountered** the right person, a woman, a Samaritan. Vs 7

- The woman remains nameless in this encounter.

Jesus begins when they both are talking about natural things like drawing water and ethnic identity. Vs 7-9

Do not ignore real issues when reaching people!

II

There were historical **customs** and rules for interaction between men and women, Samaria, and among the Jews.

Jesus moves from the natural to the spiritual in a very natural way.

- Conversational evangelism is one of the greatest tools a disciple can learn.

- Conversational evangelism takes listening, hearing, understanding, and listening from the Holy Spirit.

Jesus sifts the conversation from natural things to spiritual things. Vs 14

Jesus begins His conversation about natural water and ***shifts*** His conversation to living water.

Jesus then ***receives*** the word of “go get your husband and bring him here” and “you’ve had five husbands, and the one you’re with is not your husband”. Vs 18

It’s easy to give a word to people you know, be ***accurate*** when you give a word to people, you do not know.

Conversational evangelism will take ***turns*** and ***twists***.

- The conversation moves from her husbands to Jesus being a prophet, to worship locations, to true worship, and finally to Jesus being Messiah, Israel’s deliverer, and liberator. Vs 18-26

III

There were historical ***theological*** views on the Messiah, who he would be, and when he would come, and what he would do.

Jesus then reveals Himself unto her.

The woman comes with the water pot, leaves her water pot, and she becomes a water pot.

She goes into town and tells the men, “Come see the man that told me everything I’ve ever done is not the Christ.”

When you’ve had a true encounter with Jesus Christ, and He has **revealed** Himself to you, you have to tell somebody.

We are **overcome** by the blood of the lamb and the word of our testimony.

Who said women couldn’t preach?

The men **responded** to the woman’s testimony, proclamation, and invitation, and they came!

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