

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Describe a time when you entered into someone else's world and loved them right where they were. What happened?

Read John 4:1-7. What evangelism principles are demonstrated by Jesus in these verses?
Jesus went out of his way to meet the woman at the well and began the conversation with **vulnerability**.

Skim John 4:9-26. What do you notice about the way that Jesus interacted with the woman at the well? What did he do? What didn't he do?
Jesus had an incredible amount of **tact** as he interacted with the woman at the well. He had an honest-to-goodness **conversation** with her, even though she was different than him in every way. Jesus engaged her with such grace that she was not offended when he revealed that he knew of her checkered past!

When you share your faith do you do more talking or listening?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Do you intentionally go out of your way to talk to those who are different than you? What changes would you have to make in your life in order to encounter people that aren't like you?

Jesus had to go out of his way to Samaria in order to meet the woman at the well. He also had to break some cultural taboos in order to engage her in respectful conversation (Notice the disciples' confusion when they found him talking with her in John 4:27). We may have to do the same kinds of things if we truly desire to engage with people who are different than us for the sake of the kingdom.

Reflect on the objectives of evangelism outlined in the message this weekend:

- *Build a bridge, not burn one.*
- *Win the soul, not just the argument.*
- *Not confrontation, but conversation.*
- *Be a stepping stone, not a stumbling block.*

Which of the objectives of evangelism resonates most with you? Which is the most difficult for you?



WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Do you initiate conversations hoping to find the person you are talking to is a Person of Peace or do you wait for them to ask you spiritual questions?

Jesus didn't wait for the woman at the well to come to him, he went to her. Jesus also lived his life in such a way that people were drawn to him, and came to him with their needs and questions. Fulfilling the great commission will likely take a combination initiating conversations and being open to have conversations with people who come to us with needs and spiritual questions.

How could you have a faith conversation with someone who is: lonely, going through a divorce, new to the area, been hurt by the church, etc.?

Remember, sometimes evangelism is more about listening than arguing or persuading!

Read John 4:27-30 and 39-41. What is your testimony? How could you use it to share how a relationship with God has impacted you?

How will you live differently in light of what you have learned about the way that Jesus shared the good news with the woman at the well?

