

Jesus -- Our Example for Reaching Others!

Encounter Jesus in the Book of John, Pt. 4

John 4

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Acts 1:8, *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

2 Kings 17:5, *The king of Assyria invaded the entire land, marched against Samaria and laid siege to it for three years... **24** The king of Assyria brought people from Babylon... and Sepharvaim and settled them in the towns of Samaria to replace the Israelites...*

John 4:6, *Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.*

John 4:27, *Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman... Jesus said, **35**...*'It's still four months until harvest? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.**

How to Reach Others with The Gospel:

1. Talk to People Who Aren't LIKE YOU

John 4:7, *When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ... **9** The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?"*

2. Point Others Toward an Ultimate REALITY

John 4:11, *"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ...**13** Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, **14** but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

3. Accept People Where THEY ARE

John 4:16, *He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." **17** "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. **18** The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."*

4. Focus Your Conversation on the MAIN THING

John 4:19, *"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. **20** Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." **21** ...Jesus replied, ... **25** God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."*

5. Do your Part and Trust God to Do the REST

John 4:30, *Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, ...*

40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. **41** And because of his words many more became believers. **42** They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

Closing Question: Who is on your heart to invite to Easter at the Creek? Text **INVITE** to **77978**