

“People Need the Lord”

John 4:27-45

Intro:

I. A needy sinful woman

This is clearly a woman with significant, personal, ongoing, negative, life-impacting, issues. 4:17-18

II. A kind sensitive Savior

In engaging this woman in conversation, Jesus:

- A. Initiated conversation 4:7
- B. Disregarded social and cultural norms
 1. There was great animosity between Jews and Samaritans. 4:9b
 2. A Jewish man would not associate with a Samaritan woman.
 3. A Rabbi would not speak to a woman.
- C. Prioritized her spiritual needs above his physical comforts. 4:6
- D. Used the activity of the moment as a segway for the Gospel. 4:9-15
- E. Kindly, but directly forced her to admit her sinfulness. 4:16-19
- F. He made absolutely clear who he was - 4:23-26

III. Hungry distracted disciples

- A. Were appalled at the contact and conversation - 4:27
- B. Were much more concerned about lunch than they were this woman. - 4:8,31
- C. Jesus uses this as a teachable moment - 4:32-38

IV. A curious convinced community - 4:39-42

- A. The power of personal testimony - 39; Mark 5:18-20
- B. The power of God's Word - 40-41
- C. The point of the passage - 42
 1. John uses the testimony of the Samaritans as another witness to the fact that Jesus is the Christ.
 2. Jesus is using this situation as a living example of His upcoming directive to the disciples. - Acts 1:8

Conclusion/Application:

1. Reaching people for Christ begins with caring more about their spiritual condition than any other issues.
2. To reach people for Christ you have to talk to them! You can't lead someone to Christ without talking to them about Christ!
3. Sometimes the most unlikely people are the most ready people.
4. Learn from Jesus and keep it simple!
Guard against two extremes: Not saying enough, and saying too much!
5. Learn from the woman and use your testimony to get peoples attention, then show them the Word.
“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” Romans 10:17