

# **Beginning a conversation about God**

# John 4:1-42

## Point 1

God wants to save lost sinners.

# Jesus gained disciples

*(John 4:1-3 NIV) The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John, although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.*

# God wants to save lost sinners

- *(Luke 19:10 NIV) For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."*
- *(Gal 1:3-4 NIV) Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,*
- *(2 Pet 3:9 NIV) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

# Jesus is the only way...

- *(John 14:6 NIV) Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*
- *(John 3:36 NIV) Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."*
- *(Acts 4:12 NIV) Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.*

## Point 2

Ascertain what the Holy Spirit may be doing.

# Is this a coincidence?

*(John 4:4-8 NIV) Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)*



# Jesus humbled himself

*Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! (Phil 2:6 NIV)*

# A Social taboo

*The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) (John 4:9 NIV)*

## Point 3

Offer the real solution to their problem.

# Jesus is the answer

*Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." (John 4:10 NIV)*

# **Her Problem...**

**wasn't that she needed to haul water  
it was her life needed an overhaul.**

# She responds

*(John 4:15 NIV) The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."*

## Point 4

Don't forget about repentance .

# Deal with the sin issue

*(John 4:16-18 NIV) He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. 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."*



# Repent

*(Acts 2:38 NIV) Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

## Point 5

Be open to the use of Spiritual Gifts.

# Use Spiritual Gifts

*(John 4:19 NIV) "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet."*

# Signs Follow

*(Acts 14:3 NIV) So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to do miraculous signs and wonders.*

## Point 6

There is a person to receive .

# Jesus the Messiah

*(John 4:25-26 NIV) The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."*

# Our goal...

## reach Alliance for Christ

*(1 Tim 1:15 NIV) Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst.*

# Conclusion

*(John 4:39-42 NIV) Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. 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."*