

A Powerful Testimony
The Samaritan Woman at the well
Dr. Janet Cook, Senior Pastor
July 29, 2018

©2018 Prayers Ministries, Inc. dba River of Life Community Church

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are taken from the NKJV.

John 4:1- 42 Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well.

Jesus model of evangelism

1. **Start evangelizing right where you are.** John 4:3-5 "He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. But He needed to go through Samaria. So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour."
2. **Think of yourself as lower.** John 4:7 "A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give Me a drink.'" Human nature wants to exalt itself and look down at others. Remember, all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. All of us need living water.
3. **Speak to the needs of their soul.** John 4:13 "Jesus answered and said to her, 'Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.'"
 - a. Her immediate interest was water
 - b. She was lonely and did not have a husband
 - c. Her soul was thirsty for something real and meaningful, fulfilling and enriching

John 4:16-18 "Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come here.' The woman answered and said, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You have well said, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.'"

4. **Share the Good News of the Gospel.** John 4:25-26 "The woman said to Him, 'I know that Messiah is coming (who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am He.'"

Share Your Testimony

John 4:39-42 "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, 'He told me all that I ever did.' So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His own word. Then they said to the woman, 'Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.'"