

Fishing for Men #3

Pray:

Read: John 4:4-42

Home Work: Read Gospel Workshop #1 & #2. Choose one or two methods and learn how to present them well before the next study.

Today we continue to look at Jesus “interview” with an immoral Samaritan woman. This woman, who claimed to not know the difference between Mount Zion and Mount Gerazim (v.25), where her people went to worship, did know one thing, God had promised a Saviour and He would have all the answers.

In verse 26 Jesus not only presented Himself as Messiah, He also declared His deity, the original Gr. does not use “He” and instead says, “I who speak to you AM”, this mirrors John 8:58 “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” Jesus bypassed His own Jewish people whose ideas about Messiah were mostly political and militaristic, and instead revealed His Divine Nature to an immoral Samaritan woman. She first perceived Jesus to be a prophet then the Messiah and so received the further revelation He was also Lord God—proving the truth of Matthew 13:12a “For whoever has, to him more will be given, and (s)he will have abundance.” Today we will further discover the value of engaging unbelievers in focused yet natural conversation.

1. Why do you think the disciples were surprised to find Jesus with the woman (v.27)?

Jews considered it improper for a rabbi to speak to a woman in public; by ignoring this “cultural norm” Jesus again risked judgement and misunderstanding by His own disciples.

Reaching out in the face of possible ridicule to those deemed different or indifferent is proof of the value we place on the lives of all people.

2. What does “leaving her water jar” (v.28) reveal about Jesus’ impact on the woman? How did she affect others?

3. The woman shared good news (v.29) with the townspeople she had previously avoided. Has the joy of receiving the Good News had a similar impact on you? Can you share an experience of having reached out to those you were at enmity with?

4. Jesus followers urged Him to eat something (v.31) He replied, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” What do you think Jesus meant by that? Can you say the same thing?

5. Important Insights from John 4:35-38

- **The Harvest is Now! “Do not say, ‘There is still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!” (v.35)**
- **There is a Reward for the Harvesters! “And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together”(v.36)**
- **The Way has been Prepared in Advance! “For in this the saying is true; one sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you have not laboured, and you have entered into their labours.”(v.38)**
- **The Primary Objective is to Reap. Though both “reapers” and “sowers” are important, the Saviour wants us to keep focused on “bringing in the harvest” (vv.36, 38) (Discuss these last 4 points)**

Pray together; ask the Lord for a harvest of souls in your city.