

Reaching Out

John 4:7-15

Introduction: Reaching out: basics of evangelism. What can we do to reach the lost.

I. Reach Up To The Source, v. 7-10

- A. Had to go through Samaria, 4
 - This is a statement of mission, not geography
 - Miracle in Jn 2, Nicodemus, Jn 3, now seeking
 - Perhaps we are in this place because...
 - Esther 4:14, Acts 8, Jesus knew they needed him
- B. Do we judge by identity?
 - You are a Jew, v. 9 who doesn't talk to Samaritan women
 - What makes us qualified for ministry? Who will you seek?
 - Acts 10:34, Romans 5:8
 - "If you knew the gift of God..." v. 10 Ask for living water

II. Reach To The Needs, v. 11-14

- A. The Old Ways Haven't Worked (Definition of insanity: same)
 - 11 Well deep, you can't get living water (you promises are lies)
 - 12, Are you greater than Jacob? Think you measure up
 - Get your husbandL 5 husbands, v. 19 religious (mountain?)
 - v. 25 We will know later (when Messiah comes he will tell)
- B. Jesus offers something different
 - What have you tried? People, traditions, personal religion
- C. Are you ready to try Jesus?
 - He is greater than Jacob
 - Living water, ever lasting fountain

III. Reach Out To Others, v. 39

- A. Disciples come back with physical food
 - Why are you talking to her? v. 27. Barriers again
 - Religious people can sometimes be the least evangelistic
 - My pew, my worship style, my opinion
- B. She comes back with people from town, v. 29-30
 - Can be the busiest church, reaching out church
 - But without people sharing Jesus, all is lost
- C. Once she had the living water she had to share