

Share the Truth (John 4:4-42)

Goals 2013 – Part 5

Life Church St. Louis – February 3, 2013

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Matthew 5:16 (NIV) In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

1. Get to _____ people

A. Begin with _____

John 4:7 (NIV) When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"

B. Associate with _____ people

John 4:9 (NIV) 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.)

2. Show God's truth in the _____

John 4:10 (NIV) 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."

A. Turn the conversation to _____ matters

John 4:13-14 (NIV) Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

B. Rely on the _____ wisdom

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."

3. Bring the conversation to _____

A. Avoid controversial _____ issues

John 4:20 (NIV) Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

John 4:21,24 (NIV) Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ... God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

B. Focus on _____ Jesus is

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."

C. Trust God to change _____

John 4:39,42 (NIV) Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, ... 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."

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Intro. Why must both our words and actions line up in order to share the truth effectively with others?

How can you let your light shine before men according to Matthew 5:16?

What do you think keeps you from boldly sharing God's truth with others on a regular basis?

1A. Why do you think that Jesus often began getting to know a person with questions (John 4:7)?

1B. In what ways do people tend to associate only with people like themselves? What's wrong with that (John 4:9)?

1C. In what areas of your life could you begin to step out and get to know some new people?

2A. How did Jesus turn the conversation from the physical to the spiritual (John 4:10, 13-14)? Give examples of how you could do that.

2B. In what ways do we need the Spirit's wisdom in experiencing spiritual breakthroughs as we share the truth (John 4:16-18)?

2C. Why do you think it is sometimes difficult to turn a conversation to spiritual topics?

3A. What types of controversial side issues do people bring up today (John 4:20-24)?

3B. Why is it so important to ultimately bring the conversation to focus on who Jesus is (John 4:25-26)?

3C. How does the reality that God is the one who changes hearts free you to share the truth with others (John 4:39-42)?

3D. What goals do you believe God wants you to seek in the area of sharing the truth with others in 2013?