



Lesson Seven
Christ Our Example
John 4:4–29

There is no greater example to follow than Jesus Christ when it comes to winning souls. Jesus Christ cared for people and desired to seek and to save that which is lost. If we are to learn to be effective soul winners, we need to study Christ and how He won souls into the kingdom. Our example will be taken from John chapter four. This is the example of how Jesus dealt with a woman at a well in Samaria.

I. He Went Out Of His _____ To Witness (John 4:4).

It is important that we look for opportunities to win people to Jesus Christ. Some opportunities may open as we do our daily business, but more times than not, we will be required go out of our way to make a difference in somebody's life. We cannot just be willing to witness if someone crosses our path, we must seek for sinners to win them into Christ's kingdom. Jesus Christ sought for us and found us; we ought to seek for people like Jesus did that day when he "must needs go through Samaria". It was out of his way, but it was divinely led and bore much fruit.

II. He Witnessed When He Was _____ (John 4:6).

Jesus witnessed though he was weary from his travelling. Sometimes we will not feel like witnessing when we are too tired or too busy. We must be careful not to allow our feelings to keep us from doing what God commanded us to do. Paul realized this truth and decided to beat his body into subjection rather than letting his body rule him (1 Cor 9:7).

III. He Was Concerned About _____ People (Acts 10:34–35).

There was no other Jew that would have done what Jesus did in speaking to and helping this Samaritan woman. We cannot choose who it is Christ will save. He loves all of mankind and sometimes will desire us to go to those that are not what we would desire to have in our church. Christ builds His church and builds it with people from the lowest and highest places in society. The church must not favor one group over another (James 2:1–9).

IV. He Began With _____ Conversation (John 4:7).

It is imperative that we learn to talk to people. People usually like to talk but need to be warmed up to it. Jesus did not dump a load of Bible on the Samaritan woman, He simply asked for some water. To follow Christ example, we must learn to have a conversation with people about everyday things. These are things they understand and are immediately interested in.

V. He Turned The Conversation To _____ Things (John 4:10).

We cannot shy away from turning the conversation to spiritual things. It is easy to talk about the weather, but we can become intimidated when turning the conversation to spiritual things. If we are walking with God and we have been asking God for boldness, we must trust God to give us direction in what to say and when to say it. Many Christians have no problem talking spiritual around other Christians, but do not have boldness to speak to the lost (Acts 4:29–31).

VI. He Spoke Of His _____ To Give Eternal Life (John 4:13–14).

Jesus Christ came to give us eternal life. What an amazing thought that God desires to give freely to every person the gift of eternal life. He explained to the woman that if she would drink of His water one time that she would NEVER thirst again. This shows the security we have in receiving Christ. When we drink

of His water we are saved forever, never again to thirst. People need to know that the salvation they receive from Christ will supply them with ETERNAL life and this life is received by faith in Christ's sacrifice for their sin. People must know that there is real hope in this life. Jesus Christ is our hope (Revelation 22:17).

VII. He Led Her To An Awareness Of Her Spiritual _____
(John 4:15–18).

Jesus took time to show her that she was a lawbreaker. He did not do this to condemn her, because her sin was already condemning her (John 3:17-18). He wanted her to know she had a problem that needed a remedy. The law was not given to save a person, but it was given to open our eyes to our sin state and then point us to Jesus Christ who fulfilled the law and became the penalty to redeem us from the law's requirement of death (Galatians 2:16; 3:21-26).

VIII. He Refused To Be _____ From His Purpose (John 4:19–26).

The devil tries to sidetrack a soul winner when speaking to a lost person about Christ. Jesus was consumed with the purpose of saving this woman and thus would not allow himself to be sidetracked on religious arguments.

IX. The Woman _____ Christ As Saviour And Began To Win _____ To Christ (John 4:28–29).

We can see that the woman did believe on Jesus Christ. Notice that she did not just believe and go home and do nothing. She told her fellow countrymen of who Jesus was and what He did for her. A child of God that has Jesus Christ the master soul winner in their heart will tend to be concerned about others around them and will tell them about him. This is a success when one that has been saved will help others to be saved as well.

Assignment # 5

1. What are some of the obstacles that keep you from reaching out to people with the Gospel?
2. How do you start communicating with somebody needing the Gospel?
3. What do you want to do at some point in conversation?
4. How did Jesus get His point across that their eternal security in salvation?
5. What must a person be aware of before they can receive the Gospel?
6. What must we be careful of as we talk with people that are lost?
7. What is a good sign that the person you are speaking to believes the Gospel?