

EVANGELIZING SAMARITANS

John 4:1-42

Two ways of identifying Samaritans in our culture:

- a) people of other ethnicities and cultures
- b) postmoderns in our culture:
 - Close by and share many things in common culture
 - Mutual hostility; view each other as a threat
 - Not much contact if we can avoid it

We Christians often view “the secularists” as a threat to be combated. This does not a good foundation for evangelism make.

A third alternative to flight or fight: engage as Jesus did.

Pursue His model for engaging Samaritans who look like us and are from the same culture but who hold a radically different worldview and view evangelicals with some hostility

If this were a fourth point to last week, it would be:

Be creative in overcoming hostility to get to the heart.

Let’s look at this as a story and pick up the insights and ten lessons along the way.

1. Be _____ (v4)
2. _____ uncomfortable barriers (v7-9)
3. Raise _____ so the person asks *you* questions (v10-12)
4. Do not get bogged down in _____. Focus on Jesus (v13-14)
5. Aim at the _____ (v15-18)
6. Expose sin with _____ (v17b-18)
7. Keep bringing the conversation back to _____ (v19-24)

8. Watch for a simple statement of _____ , and connect it to Christ (v25-26)

9. Open your eyes to the _____ (v27-38)

10. Be *convinced* that HE _____ is the Savior of the world (v39-42)

So: FOLLOW JESUS: come to Him for Living Water

Follow Him in reaching your Samaritans

Which of last week's 10 Suggestions are you going to try?

Which Samaritans in your life are you going to pray for every day in February?
