

NO ONE IS TOO BAD • JOHN 4:4-29

Read John 4:4-15

1. Jews normally avoided traveling through Samaria. Why did Jesus ignore this practice?
2. What cultural barriers existed between Jesus and the woman?
3. What did Jesus risk in reaching out to this Samaritan woman?
4. How does Jesus respond to her surprise at His initiative?
5. What would you think if a stranger told you, "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"?

Read John 4:15-26

6. Why does Jesus ask her to go get her husband, and how does she respond?
7. Among the many feelings invoked by Jesus' question, the woman most likely felt shame. What are the major areas of shame that cause people to avoid Jesus?

8. In what ways do you see Jesus' compassion in His conversation with the woman?
9. Jesus was rarely so plain about who He was. Why do you think He explicitly told her He was the Messiah?
10. Why do you believe John included this episode in his gospel?

Read John 4:27-30, 39-42

11. What was the message the woman shared with her village?
12. What is the benefit of sharing the gospel through our own experience of what Jesus has done for us?
13. Take a few minutes and write out how you would explain the gospel through your own personal experience with Jesus and what He has done for you. This outline might help you to organize your thoughts and clearly communicate your own story.

Explain your journey to place your faith in Christ.

Explain how you trusted Christ—use this as a way to explain the gospel.

How has Jesus changed your life?

Memorize

Take the time to finish writing out your testimony and try to commit it to memory.