

SERMON: Initiating Spiritual Conversations

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SERIES: Conversations with Jesus

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THE GOAL: The primary goal of a small group at Grace is to develop a Christian community where Jesus is experienced through the gospel.

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTIONS: Use these questions to explore how God is at work in our families, communities, workplaces, and church.

1. Where have you seen God at work in your life this week?
2. What temptations have you been facing this week? How is God delivering you?
3. How have you experienced God's grace this week?
4. In what ways are you growing in your love for God?
5. In what ways are you growing in your love for others?
6. Have you started or stopped something this week just because you love Jesus?

SCRIPTURE: John 4:1-30; 39-42.

SERMON OUTLINE: I. Intentional Evangelism II. The Art of Evangelism III. The Fruit of Evangelism. IV. Lessons

REVIEW: Use these questions to better understand and apply the passage/sermon.

Observation: as a group talk through and summarize the passage. Think through Who, What, Where, When, How, Why questions together.

Interpretation: answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?
2. What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?
3. What does this passage teach us about salvation/grace?
4. How does this passage point to Christ?

Application: answer these questions together:

1. How does this passage convict you? Encourage you? Inspire you?
2. What specific truth do you see about God (his grace? love? holiness?) and how would your life be different if you really believed it?
3. By God's grace, what commitments do you need to make this week? Or, what do you need to start obeying/believing?

GO DEEPER: Use these questions to go deeper into the passage, minds, and hearts.

1. Where in John 4 do we see Jesus being intentional in his evangelism? What is one way you could be more intentional in your relationships and evangelism?
2. Jesus was able to connect an earthly desire (her sexual experience) to a deeper spiritual desire (her desire for a satisfying love). Think about someone that you've been sharing the gospel with. How could you connect something earthly that they care about to something spiritual that they need?
3. In John 4:28 it says that the Samaritan woman "left her water jar" and went and told the people in her community about Christ. She left her old life behind to share Jesus. Is there something that you might need to let go of or leave behind in order to share Jesus with others? A fear? A doubt? A misconception about others? Shame? Guilt?
4. Talk about these evangelism lessons from John 4 together: a) Initiate spiritual conversations that lead to redemptive relationships; b) Learn to explain the difference between Law and Gospel; c) Share your story with others.

Prayer: Praise God for living water that always satisfies. Repent of those things that you are holding on to that are preventing you from sharing your gospel story. Ask God to give you opportunities to share the good news this week.