

“The Edge” Sunday, November 21, 2010
They’re Ready...Am I?

Read [John 4:1-42](#) together and answer the following questions.

1. What is a Gentile? How did the Gospel come to the Gentiles?
2. Answer this question...Is anyone too sinful to be saved?
3. What an amazing thing that Jesus found it necessary to pass through Samaria. Why was this?
4. The Samaritans would not come to Jesus, but Jesus did come to them. Discuss what this means to us as individuals and as a church. Keep this in mind as you discuss this...“**Go**” is an important word in the great commission, and Jesus has set the example for us. If the church is saying, “Come” to unbelievers, let us remember that our Lord says, “**Go**” to the church. The first thing the Samaritan woman does is to “go” to those who are lost in her hometown.
5. People matter to God and we should witness to the lost. It is God’s passion, and it should be ours as well. It is so important we should be willing to miss a meal (or more) to do it. We need to set aside our prejudices and rearrange our priorities. We need to go where the lost can be found. And, we need to start by talking to people where they are, in terms of things they understand, and that they know they need. It is what God wants us to do, indeed what He commands us to do. It is what He did to seek and to save us. It is what we need to do as well. Discuss what steps you are going to take to follow God in obedience in this area.
6. What scares you the most about sharing your faith with someone who isn’t like you?
7. How did the disciples respond when they found out Jesus was talking to a Samaritan woman? How was their view different than that of Jesus’?
8. What are some of the hindrances we ought to set aside so that we can more effectively carry out the Father’s will in the salvation of those around us? (self-interest, prejudices in regard to race, culture, and gender (to mention a few), self-righteousness, etc.)
9. How does knowing that Christ came to save sinners, among whom we are one, make a difference in your attitude of witnessing to the unsaved around us?
10. What did the woman say to the people of the city and what did the people do as a result (vs. 28-30)?
11. Who were the sowers and who were the reapers in vs. 36-38?
12. Continue to pray for boldness. Ask God to help you to be others focused and to be available and ready to share the “Good News” with those around you. Then be ready for God to use you in a big way.

For further discussion topics on this subject read the following:

- [Hebrews 12:1-2](#)
- [Luke 10:2](#)
- [1 Timothy 1:12-16](#)