

RHYTHM - WEEK 4

Share Your Story

Icebreaker

What's something you discovered recently that you immediately wanted to tell somebody else about?

Overview

Read **Matthew 4:19, Matthew 28:19, and Acts 1:8**. Following Jesus has always included helping other people find Him. In John 4, Jesus shows us what that can look like in an ordinary conversation with an unexpected person.

1. Meet People Where They Are

Read John 4:3-9.

Jesus goes through Samaria, sits at a well, and begins a conversation with a woman others might have avoided.

LOOK AT IT

- What barriers existed between Jesus and this woman?
- What does Jesus do to begin the conversation?

EXPLORE IT

- What can keep Christians from intentionally engaging people who are different from them?
- What does it look like to meet people where they are without expecting them to come to us first?

GO DO IT

- Who is already in your everyday life that you could become more intentional about noticing and knowing?

2. Accept People As They Are

Read Romans 15:7 and John 3:17.

Jesus knows this woman's story, but He approaches her with dignity rather than condemnation.

LOOK AT IT

- What do these passages say about Christ's posture toward people?

EXPLORE IT

- What's the difference between accepting a person and agreeing with everything in their life?
- Why can acceptance create space for honest spiritual conversation?

GO DO IT

- How could you communicate genuine care to someone who may assume church people will judge them?

3. Risk a Spiritual Conversation

Read John 4:10, 16-20.

Jesus moves an ordinary conversation toward something spiritual. He is truthful without being condemning.

LOOK AT IT

- How does Jesus move the conversation beyond water at the well?
- How does the woman respond when the conversation becomes personal and spiritual?

EXPLORE IT

- Why can bringing up faith feel risky?
- What might a natural spiritual question sound like in a real friendship?

GO DO IT

- Where might God be inviting you to take one small relational risk this week?

4. Expect God to Do More Than You Imagined

Read John 4:28-30, 32-35.

The woman leaves the well and tells her village what happened. Her invitation is simple: “**Come and see.**” God uses her story to bring others toward Jesus.

LOOK AT IT

- What does the woman actually tell the people in her village?
- What happens because she shares her experience?

EXPLORE IT

- What makes a personal story powerful even when we do not have every answer?
- What do Jesus' words about the harvest suggest about opportunities we may be overlooking?

GO DO IT

- If someone asked what Jesus has done in your life, what part of your story would you share?

- Who is one person you can intentionally invite, encourage, or have a spiritual conversation with this week?

Now What?

NOTICE: Who has God already placed around me?

CARE: How can I meet and accept them where they are?

RISK: What spiritual conversation could I be willing to start? _____

SHARE: What part of my story could point them toward Jesus?

You do not need a perfect presentation. You can start with what you have seen Jesus do and invite someone to come and see.

Group Prayer

Pray by name for the people God has placed around you. Ask for open eyes, genuine compassion, courage to speak, and trust that God can do more than you can see.

On Your Own

- **Day 1 - Matthew 4:18-22:** Consider the connection between following Jesus and fishing for people.
- **Day 2 - John 4:3-15:** Notice how Jesus begins the conversation.
- **Day 3 - John 4:16-30:** Notice the woman's response and invitation.
- **Day 4 - John 4:31-42:** Ask God to help you see the harvest around you.