



Part 4: Come with Me

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John Chapter 4

⁴ Now [Jesus] had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

What does Jesus know?

Everyone needs water (common ground)

Everyone has a story (common experience)

Everyone needs a Savior (common condition)

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

With one conversation, Jesus begins to break barriers:

The Reputation Barrier

The Social Barrier

The Sin Barrier (*As humans, we have a sin bond with people, not a sin barrier; be careful not to play a role reserved for God*)

The Shame Barrier

The Language Barrier

Conversation Clues in the Language Barrier

I'm new

I'm hurting

I need...

I was wondering

²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." ²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

**The desired outcome of every series of conversations
is a greater revelation of Jesus the Messiah.**

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about."

**The difference between "go see a man" and "come see a man" is the heart
of bringing other people into their own conversation with Jesus.**

The result of one conversation:

³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴² They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

**Having a spiritual conversation is more about
our obedience than the other person's response.**

Next Steps

Halloween Glow Stations are one of the best "common experience" opportunities of the year to meet your neighbors and start a conversation. Will you host a glow station? Read more in today's program and sign up to host in the Commons.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Read John 4 out loud. What strikes you as the story unfolds?
- 2) There are things that all humans have in common; name as many as you can.
- 3) What barrier do you most often run into when you talk to people about Jesus? How can you overcome that barrier?
- 4) Have you heard any of the conversation clues recently? What did you do about them?
- 5) How can someone see a greater revelation of Jesus in an ordinary conversation?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today and throughout the week?