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What is ministry?

Matthew 28:19a  
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...

**Acts 1:8 in John 3-4**

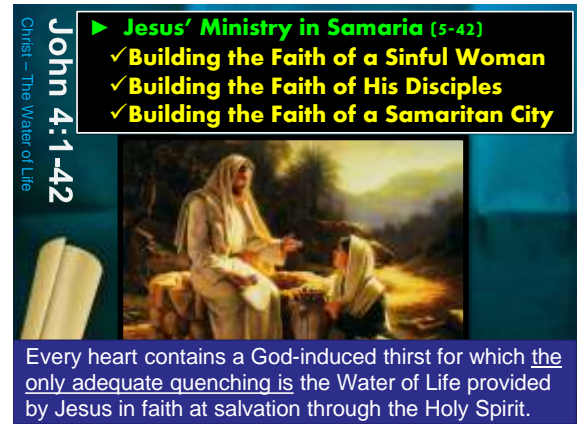
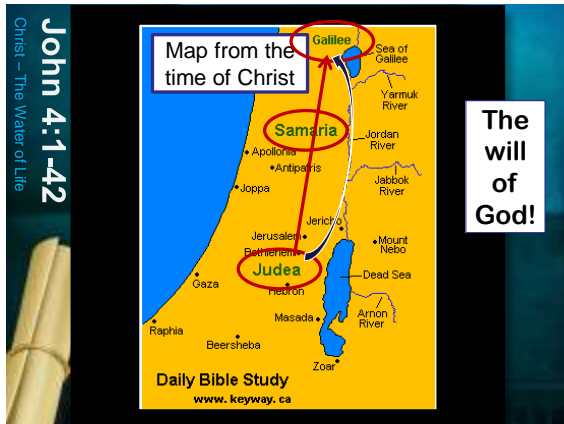
"Jerusalem"	Nicodemus (3:1-15)
"Judea"	Judean Ministry (4:1-3)
"Samaria"	Samaritan Ministry (4:4-42)
"The Uttermost"	Nobleman's Son Healed (4:46-54)

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

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► **Jesus' Ministry in Samaria (5-42)**

✓ Building the Faith of a Sinful Woman

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

<sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

**What is wrong with this picture?**

She was a WOMAN a SAMARITAN and IMMORAL!

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Nicodemus	Woman at the well
1. Man	1. Woman
2. Outstanding Ruler	2. Outcast
3. Nicodemus (Victory)	3. No name
4. Wealthy	4. Poor
5. Sought Jesus	5. Jesus sought her
6. Jew	6. Samaritan
7. Moral but worldly	7. Immoral
8. Jesus was blunt	8. Jesus was tactful
9. Started with Spiritual	9. Started with temporal

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you **living water**."

<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"

<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,

<sup>14</sup> but **whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again**. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to **eternal life**."

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

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**CONTROVERSY**

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**Social Tension**

<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."

**Heritage Tension**

<sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship."

**Religious Tension**

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet."

#### The progression of the woman's changed attitude

- "a Jew" (vs 9)
- "greater than our father Jacob" (vs 12)
- "a prophet" (vs 19)
- "The Christ" (vss 25, 29)

<sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship."

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things."

<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

#### WORSHIP

#### Place vs. Person

#### Building the Faith of His Skeptical Disciples

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" <sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" <sup>30</sup> They went out of the town and were coming to him.

#### Why were the disciples so shocked?

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest."

<sup>36</sup> Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

1 Corinthians 3:6-8: "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor."

#### Building the Faith of a Samaritan City

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world." Whosoever will may come!

**MINISTRY IDEA:** When we cooperate with other believers in faithful evangelistic efforts, God is able to turn hearts toward him.

Like the woman at the well, I was seeking  
For things that could not satisfy.  
And then I heard my Savior speaking—  
“Draw from My well that never shall run dry.”

- Fill my cup, Lord;  
I lift it up Lord;  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more.  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

So my brother if the things that this world gives you  
Leave hungers that won't pass away,  
My blessed Lord will come and save you  
If you kneel to Him and humbly pray—

**What is the point?**

- 1. Christ Jesus can be your Living Water!**  
Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. (vs 14)
- 2. How is your ministry of sowing or reaping?**  
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