

# Evangelism & Discipleship

The nuts and bolts of ministry.



Any successful ventures in evangelism and discipleship must be linked to the example of Christ.



We could study many of the things that Jesus said about discipleship, such as:

"If you *abide in my word*, you are truly my disciples."  
(John 8:31)



"Go therefore and ***make disciples*** of all the nations...***teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...***" (Matt 28:19-20)



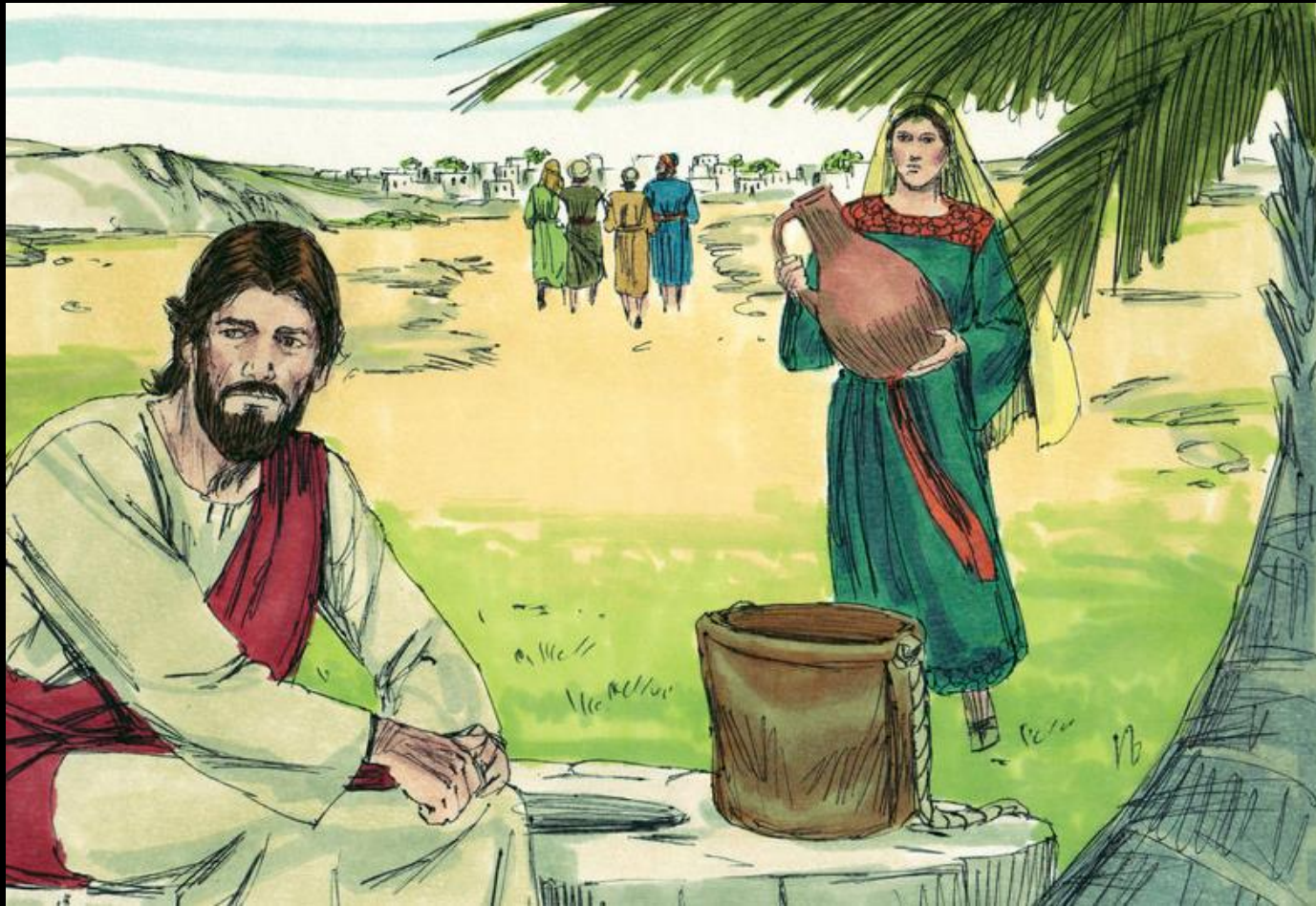


Rather than listing a long set of directives.  
Let's look at Jesus interactions with the  
Samaritan woman at the well (**John 4:3-41**)



Jesus left Judea and returned to Galilee. He had to go through Samaria on the way. Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. (v3-6)

Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. (v7-8)





**#1** Discipleship has to do with taking advantage of situations in real life. (v3-6)





# Practical Ways

**Look for opportunities in  
your sphere of influence.**

**Look for opportunities  
to get someone 'one on one'.**

**Look for opportunities to  
meet someone 'on their turf'.**

**#2** Discipleship has to do with everyday,  
common relationships. (v7, v27)



# Practical Ways

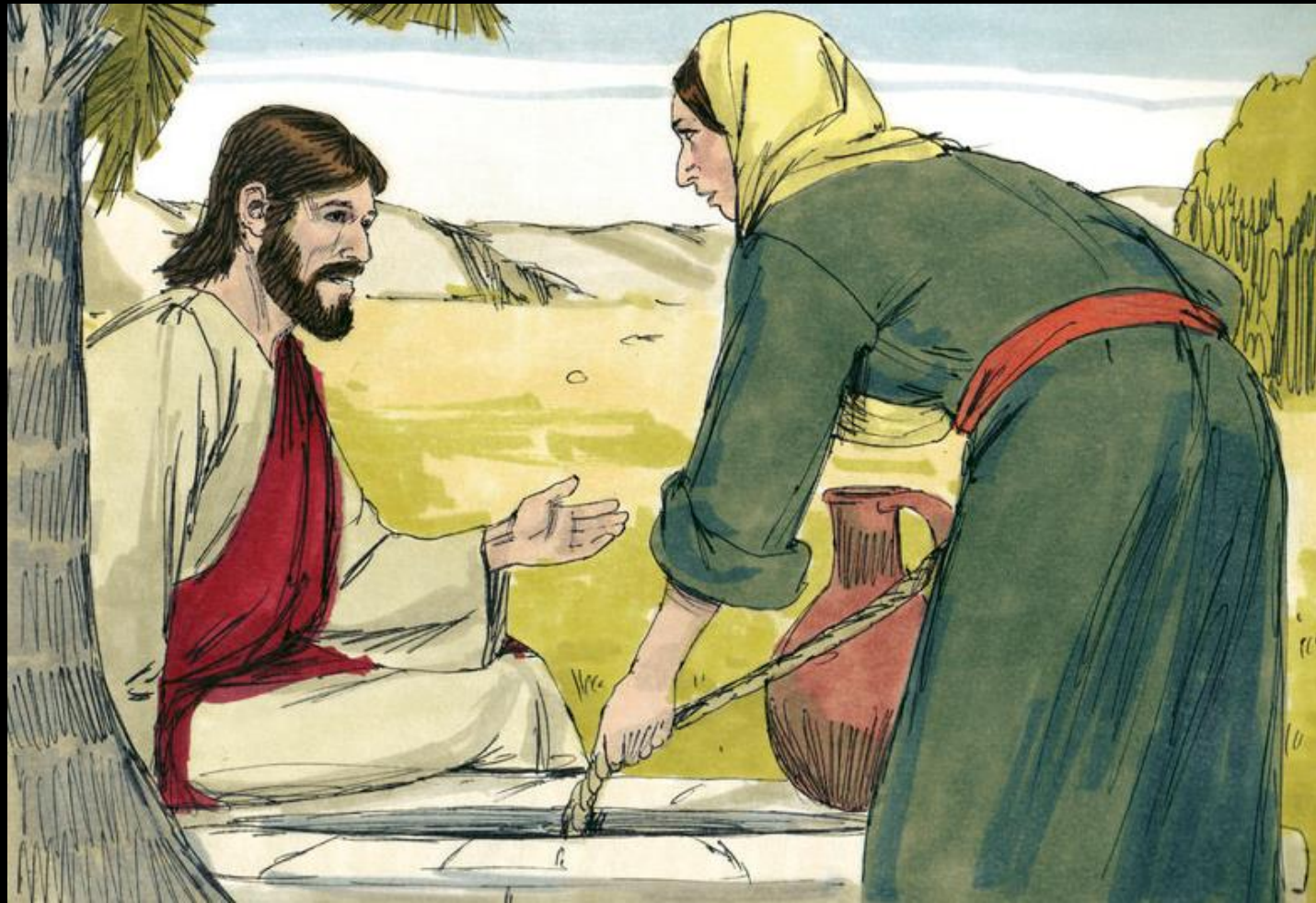
**Begin by concentrating on relationships that God already has placed you in.**

**Specify one or two people that you would like to begin to 'reach'.**

**Begin investing more heavily and purposefully in those couple of relationships.**



The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?” (v9)



**#3** Discipleship has to do with everyone,  
even 'the least of these'. (v9)



# Practical Ways

**Everyone qualifies for discipleship. No one is too far gone.**

**Seek out the hard, the difficult, the 'smelly', the addicted, the angry...**

**Pray for patience, mercy & a servant's heart.  
Difficult people take a lot of all the above.**



#4 Discipleship meets people exactly  
where they are. (v6-7)

**IMMATURE**

Informed

**smart**

**ADDICTED**

Wicked

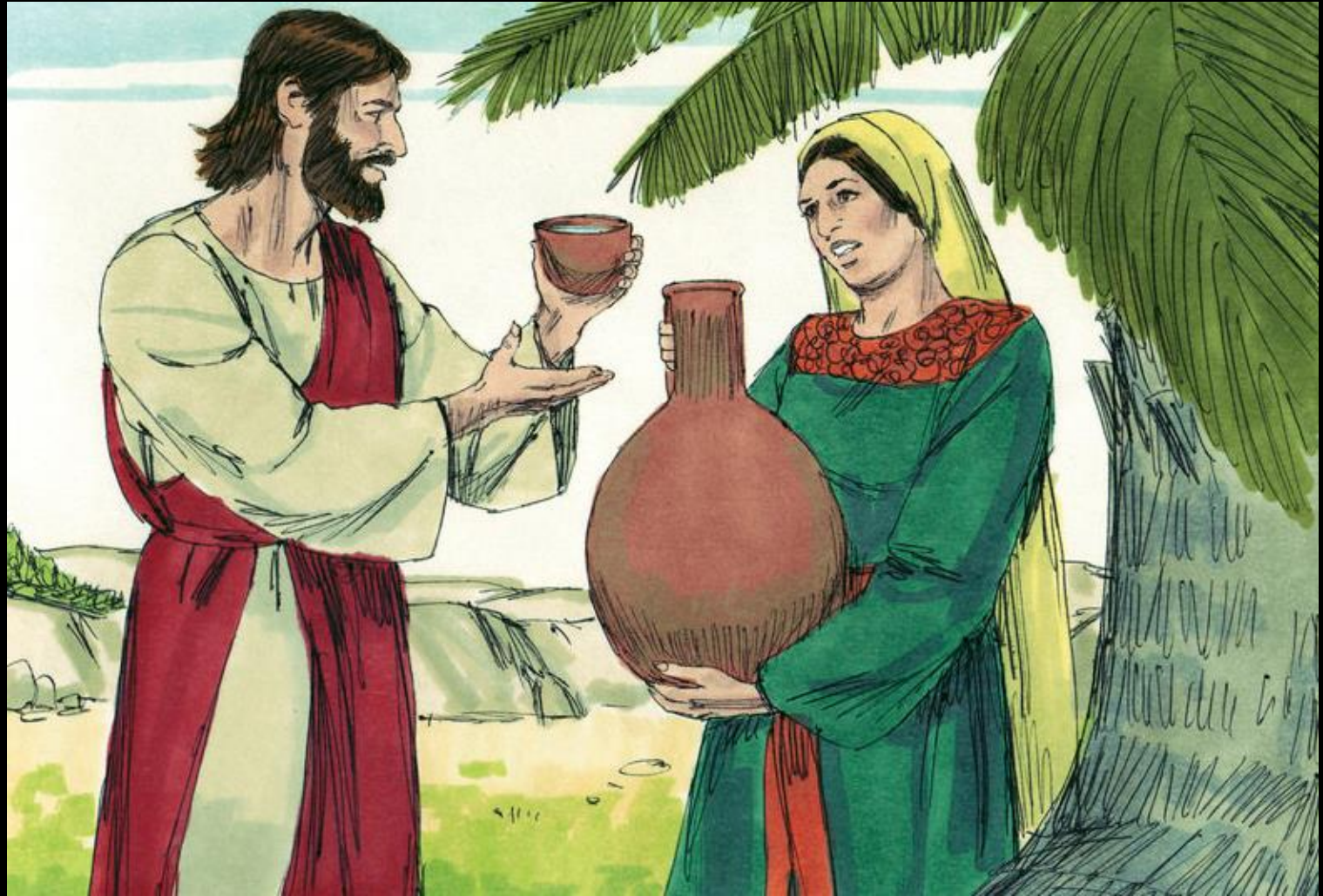
# Practical Ways

**Do not judge, condemn, belittle, berate. If this person was flawless they wouldn't need you.**

**Discover what this person knows and doesn't know about God, Christ, walking in the Spirit etc.**

**Prayerfully determine where the next step is in 'where they should be - need to be'.**

Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.” (v10)





**#5** Discipleship attempts to move people to the next level. (v10)



# Practical Ways

**Avoid the temptation to go for broke. Mature believers aren't made over night.**

**Focus on taking faithful, baby steps. Celebrate small victories. Plan the next steps.**

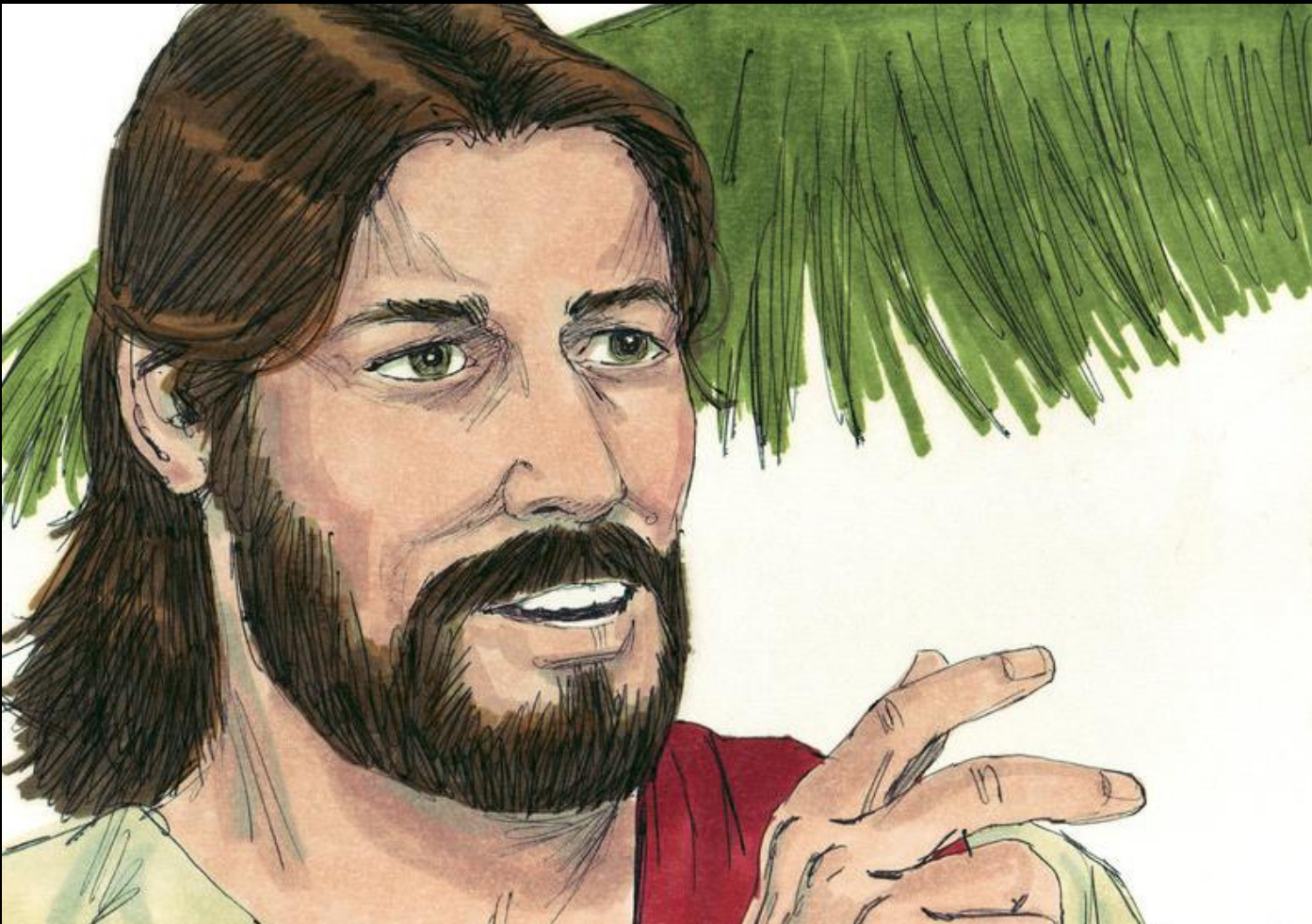
**Keep your eye on the end goal and try to align every interaction (no matter how small) towards that end goal.**

“But sir, you don’t have a rope or a bucket,” she said, “and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? And besides, do you think you’re greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?”

(v 11-12)



Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.” (v13-14)



#6 Discipleship has to do with where you find your satisfaction. (v13-14)



Christ

VS.

The  
World



# Practical Ways

**If we aren't loving Christ, following Christ, obeying Christ...we have nothing to give.**

**If we aren't radically pursuing God and truth above all else...we can't expect to teach others to.**

**Look for ways to humbly model the ways that you live for God and not the world etc.**



**#7** Discipleship has to do with becoming a beneficial **fountain** (v13-14)



# Practical Ways

**Discipleship is the overflow of satisfaction in God that can't help but bring others along.**

**If God is not your highest treasure and highest aim...it will be hard to instill that in others.**

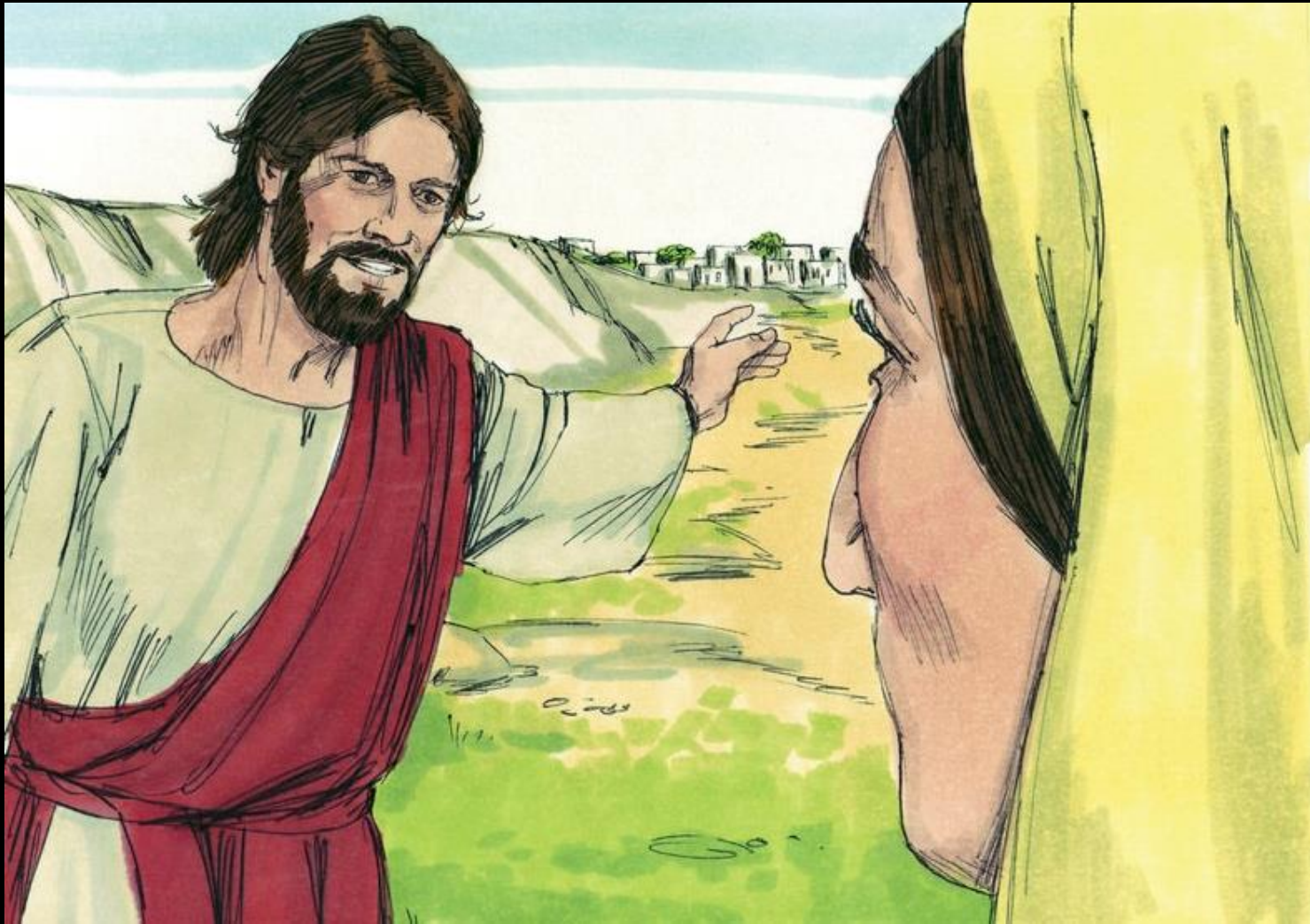
**You must put on your own 'oxygen mask' before putting on someone else's.**

“Please, sir,” the woman said, “give me this water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again, and I won’t have to come here to get water.” (v15)





“Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her. “I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied. (v16-17)



Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband—for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!” (v17-18)

“Sir,” the woman said, “you must be a prophet. So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?” (v19-20)





# #8 Discipleship involves difficult situations, confrontation and hard conversations. (v17-18)

Adultery, Divorce,  
Homosexuality, Idolatry,  
Infidelity, Drunkenness,  
Abuse, Addictions...

Worship, Prayer, Bible  
Study, Church  
Attendance,  
Parenting, Personal  
Finance, Child Raising

# Practical Ways

**Identify (in your own mind) where the major trouble areas are in your 'disciple'.**

**Pay attention to repetitive pitfalls and traps in this persons spiritual, financial, family life.**

**Work towards opportunities to lovingly address the trouble areas. Readily admit your own failures.**

**#9** Discipleship seeks opportunities in life's **disappointments** (open wounds). (v17-18)





# Practical Ways

**Heartbreaks, deaths, financial loss, mistakes  
etc. are wide open doors.**

**Do not only seek opportunities during difficult  
times...but put it in overdrive when they occur.**

**Ask God to help you be a good listener, a good  
friend and support during those hard times.**

Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews.

But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.” (v21-24)



**#10** Discipleship is about creating a new 'true worshiper of God'. (v23)



# Practical Ways

**Always keep the end goal in mind. That goal is to create a maturing worshipper of God.**

**We must be becoming a more mature worshipper of God...if we expect to bring someone else along.**

**Look for ways to humbly model (in real life) that God is who you worship...not this world.**

**#11** Disciples are made with spirit  
(emotion, relationships) and truth  
(doctrine, theology) (v24)





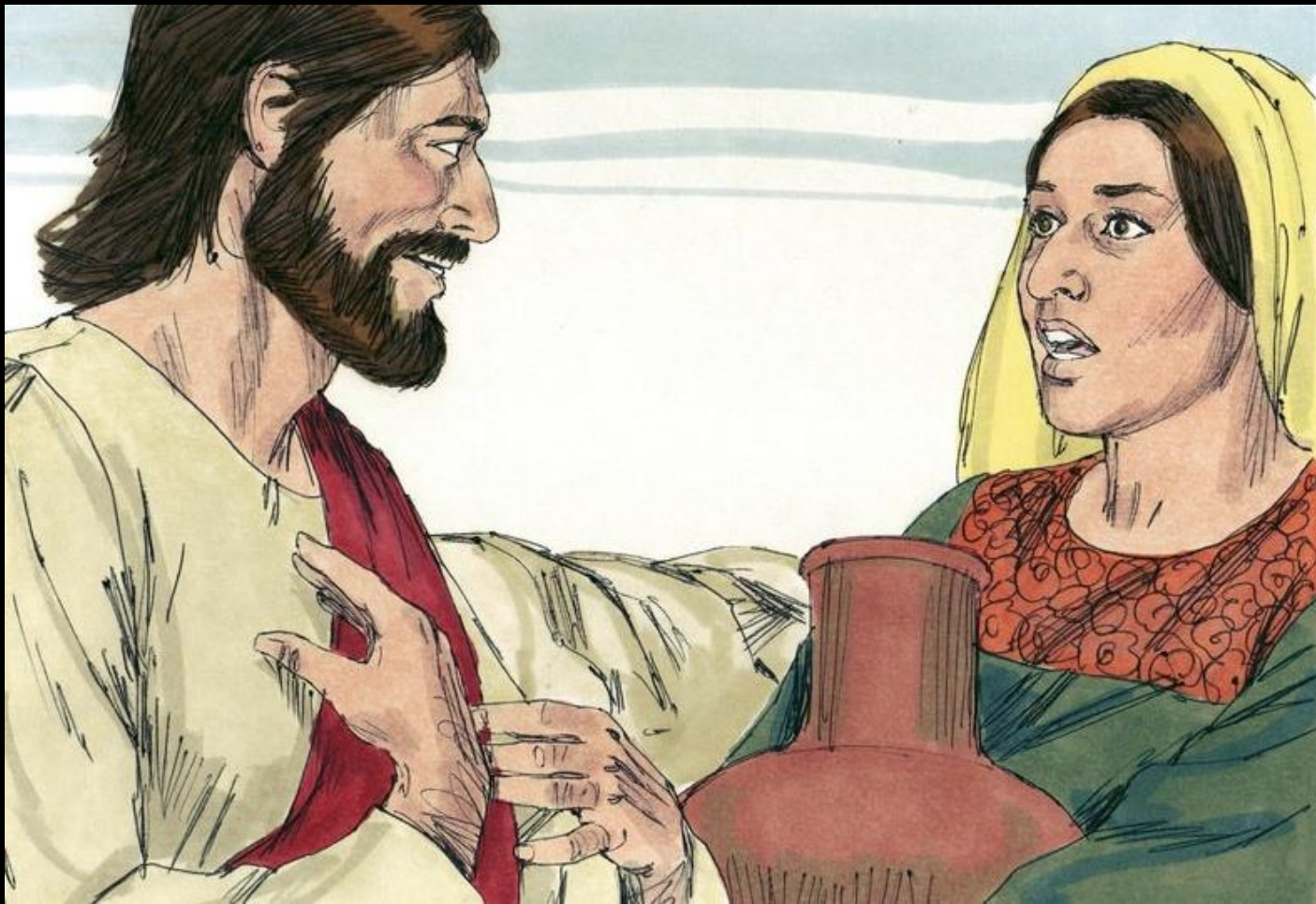
# Practical Ways

**Before anyone care about how much you know...they need to know how much you care.**

**After deciding who you would like to invest in, spend the first weeks just building a friendship.**

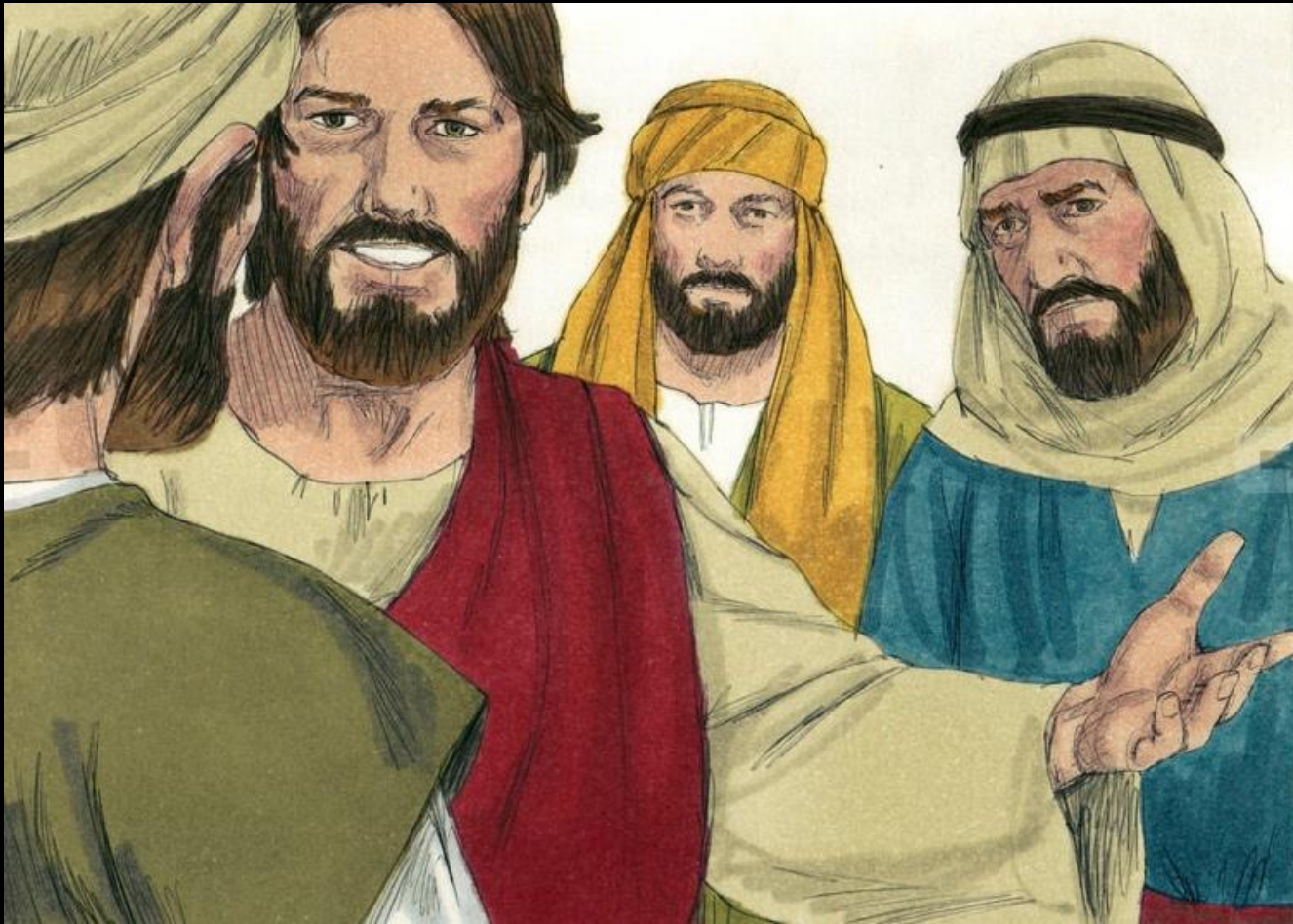
**Make sure that the friendship is very deep and reciprocal before advancing too heavily into spiritual areas.**

The woman said, “I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus told her, “I AM the Messiah!” (v25-26)





Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, “What do you want with her?” or “Why are you talking to her?” (v27)





**#12** Discipleship involves not caring about the opinions of man. (v27, v34)



# Practical Ways

**Be ready for Christians to look down on you for spending time with such 'horrible' people.**

**Be willing to go where the unbelieving and immature 'reside' in order to reach them.**

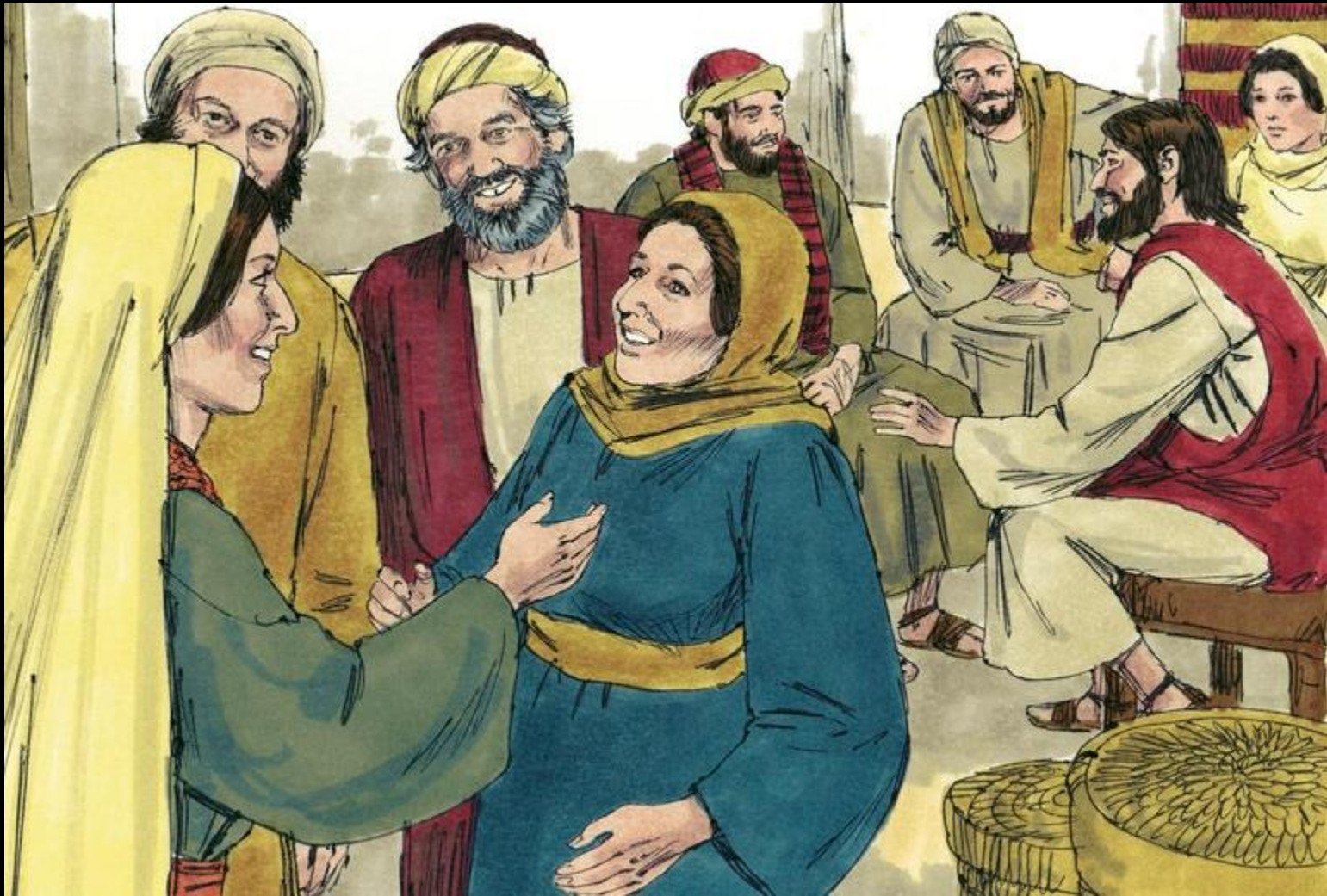
**Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people... (Eph 6:7)**

The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, “Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?”. (v28-29





So the people came streaming from the village to see him. (v28-30)



“My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work. The fields are already ripe for harvest...the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life...I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest.” (v34-38)

**#13** Discipleship involves teaching & sending others to do the same. (v14, v38)



# Practical Ways

**Look for ways to teach your 'disciple' how to teach others these same things.**

**Teach your disciple how to pray, how to give, how to serve, how to love, how to study the Bible.**

**Bring your 'disciple' into ministry settings with you. Push them to pour into 1-2 others just as you did with them. Go along with them the first time.**