



Riverstone

## Sermon Based Questions

Series Crossing the Street Part 2

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### Savior of the World!

*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." John 4:25-26*

#### 1. Jesus meets a woman where she is at. John 4:7-26

- Jesus was tired.
- Jesus asked a Samaritan woman for a drink.
- Jesus told her he could give living water.
- The living water Jesus gives means no more thirst.
- Jesus knows the woman.
- Jesus tells her- that he is the one she is waiting for.

#### 2. Open your eyes wide to the harvest. John 4:27-38

- The woman returns home to tell people to come & see
- Jesus tells the disciples his food is to finish his work.
- Open your eyes- they are ripe for the harvest.
- I sent you to reap!

#### 3. This man is really the Savior of the World. John 4:39-42

- Many believed because of the woman's' testimony.
- They believed as they encountered Christ themselves.

Can you think of an example of Christian evangelism or mission that most definitely does not meet people where they are at? Give an example. How effective was it?

### **Examining the texts.**

1. Read John 4:7-26. How does Jesus meet the Samaritan woman where she is at in this scene? How would you describe the way that he interacts with her?
2. Read John 4:27-38. What surprises the disciples when they return to Jesus? How does Jesus explain what he has been doing and what does it have to do with “the harvest?”
3. Read John 4:35-38. What do you think verse 38 means?
4. Read John 4:39-42. What role did the Samaritan woman play in the harvest and what was the effect of her testimony?

### **A. Meditation & application**

5. Think about the people who you would love to see come to faith- what kind of things could you do to meet them where they are at?
6. This passage asserts that Jesus is Savior of the world- who offered the woman living water- what things do you observe in those that you love that reveal a need that Jesus can fill? How can you help people to connect to Jesus in a way that leads to salvation?
7. In what ways could you engage with the harvest of your world? Who is in your sphere of relationship and how can you meet them where they are at with an eye to seeing them come to faith in Christ?

Dear heavenly Father- We recognize that Jesus is the Christ who was to come. We know that he is living water. Help us to drink the life giving water of Christ and in turn help us also to “open our eyes wide to the harvest,” in order that we might win people to him. In Jesus Name- Amen