

“Now Jesus had to go through Samaria... When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"...

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

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." John 4:4,7,39-42

When the town of Sychar looked at the Woman at the Well, they saw a tramp. When Jesus looked at the woman at the well, he saw an _____.

- ✓ What do you see when you look at people?

Pathways to discovery:

1. We need to be people with the right _____.

- a. Jesus passed up a discussion with Pharisees about baptism in favor of a conversation with a Samaritan woman about _____.

“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

2. We need to be people who are radically _____ with the world.

- a. For the purpose of helping others DISCOVER Christ.
 - i. Being careful to use good _____!

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3. We need to be people who are radically _____ from the world.

- a. Our lives should be beautiful in the sense that they are not characterized by the sins of those in the world around us! If we cannot be associated with some aspect of the world without falling into sin, we should _____ ourselves from it.

4. We need to keep Jesus as the _____ - _____ of our relationships with those who are not followers of Christ.

- a. Having a conversation with a person about church or politics or morality is not evangelism. It may be a segue to evangelism. However, it is better by far to keep our conversations with people centered on the person of Jesus Christ.

5. As a church, we need to make every effort to create an _____ where seekers can be free to grasp who Jesus is and how he can change their life.

- a. We need to remove any _____ that may stand in the way of people hearing the Gospel.

- ✓ Hypocrisy: we need to live what we believe.
- ✓ _____: we need refrain from putting emphasis on "religious tradition" over the clear teaching of scripture.
- ✓ Ambiguity: we need to be very clear about what the Gospel of Christ calls people to believe and how it instructs us to behave.

- b. We need to give people permission to be seekers.
 - i. Here at Trinity it's O.K. to belong before you _____.

People have our permission to bring their questions and sins and doubts to church with them and spend as much time as they need considering the Christian faith before making a decision to follow Christ. We welcome _____ minds and honest dialogue.