







Spiritual Conversations With Lost People John 4

Since Jesus didn't detour around Samaria, he walked into a "divine appointment." (vs.3-6)

Jesus initiated a conversation with the woman at the well where he was resting by asking her for a drink of water. (vs.7-9)

- his tiredness was no excuse to stay quiet
- his neediness made him more relatable
- his winsomeness built a bridge of trust

The Conversation Turns Spiritual

Jesus made an intriguing spiritual comment that fit the setting and situation.

John 4:9-10, NIV

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?"...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."

Starting Spiritual Conversations

Say or ask something "spiritual" that fits the setting and situation.

Matthew 4:18-19, NLT

One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!"

The Woman Doesn't "Get It!"

Even Jesus didn't experience an immediate spiritual breakthrough with this lost person.

John 4:11-15, NIV

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it himself?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 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." 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."

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Spiritual receptivity varies from person to person. It even ebbs and flows in the same person.

Getting Personal The Core Problem Of Sin

Gently and sensitively, Jesus probed into what was blocking her spiritual understanding.

John 4:16-18, NIV

He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have said is quite true."

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Don't write off any lost person as a lost cause!
