

One Small Step

Week 1: Pointing to Jesus

TALK IT OVER

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 4:39-42 NLT: Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, “He told me everything I ever did!”⁴⁰ When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days,⁴¹ long enough for many more to hear his message and believe.⁴² Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world.”

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Day 1: John 4:1-26

Day 2: John 4:27-38

Day 3: John 4:39-42

Day 4: John 1:43-51

Day 5: Romans 10:10-17

Day 6: Isaiah 6:8

Day 7: Mark 16:15-16

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- How have you seen God at work in your life this week?

Start thinking. Ask some questions to get your group thinking.

- Our text is John 4:39-42, but read all of John 4 for context. Since “nice” girls didn’t come to draw water at noontime (“the sixth hour”), why do you think Jesus risks His reputation to ask a favor of this woman?
- Why does Jesus abruptly change the topic of conversation to her personal life (vv. 16-18)? What strikes you about the way He responds to her claim not to have a husband?
- Why do you think the woman changed the topic to focus on a religious controversy?
- What is significant about Jesus choosing this woman as the first person to whom He revealed himself (see vv. 39-42)?

Start sharing. Choose some questions to create openness.

- Can you describe your first “encounter” with Jesus? (Or, when Jesus became “real” to you?)
- Does your outlook on life influence the people around you in a positive way?
- Which of your hopes have been met or are being met in Jesus?
- Is there anything keeping you from sharing the Gospel?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Jesus, You come to us with the Good News that no one is out of reach of Your love. Help us to pass that Good News on to those we do life with so that they can come to know You and be transformed by You, too. When we don’t know what to say, help us simply point to You and share what You are doing in our lives so that others can see You for themselves. Amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Think about your story. If you’re a follower of Jesus, your story about how Jesus is impacting and changing your life is something that you can share. Your experiences and your story are valuable and worth sharing!
- Consider who God is calling you to share with. Who do you do life with that doesn’t know Jesus? If you’re not sure whether they know Him, that’s even more reason to reach out to them! Pray for and look for opportunities to share what Jesus is doing in your own life with them.