

LEARNING EVANGELISM FROM THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD (John 4:1-42)

A. The Savior of the World Reaches a Samaritan Woman (4:1-26)

1. Follow the Holy Spirit's leading as a Spirit-filled vessel. (vv. 1-4; Luke 4:14; Eph. 5:18)
2. Don't give up if the fish aren't biting. (vv. 1-4, 39-42; Matt. 4:12; Rev. 3:8)
3. Be willing to transcend social and cultural barriers. (vv. 4-9; 8:48; Isa. 45:22)
4. Evangelistic opportunities aren't always convenient. (v. 6; 1:14; 11:35; 19:28)
5. Go where the fish are in order to do your fishing. (vv. 6-7)
6. Initiate the conversation—go fishing. (v. 7; Matt. 4:19)
7. Try to have a private conversation preferably. (v. 8)
8. Create interest by establishing common ground. (vv. 7-15)
9. Be willing to listen, as well as talk. (vv. 7-15)
10. Be gracious and not judgmental. (vv. 7-15; 8:5; Lev. 20:10)
11. Emphasize the permanence of God's gift of eternal life. (vv. 13-14)

12. Don't make a closing appeal or offer assurance until they comprehend the truth. (vv. 10, 15)
13. Raise understanding of Christ's true identity. (vv. 16-19)
14. Aim for the heart, not just the intellect. (vv. 7-18)
15. Beware of rabbit trails & keep the focus on the Lord. (vv. 19-20)
16. Gently present the truth but don't argue. (vv. 20-25; 2 Tim. 2:24)
17. Don't go too far too fast—be patient. (vv. 25-26)
18. Be prepared to give your own testimony of salvation. (vv. 28-29, 39)
19. Just be available as a willing vessel for the Lord to use. (vv. 28-29, 39; 2 Cor. 4:5-7)

B. The Savior of the World Teaches His Own Disciples (4:27-42)

1. The disciples had failed to see beyond their own _____ needs to the _____ needs of the Samaritans. (vv. 27-35; Matt. 9:37-38)
2. Evangelism is often a cooperative effort that involves both _____ and _____. (vv. 36-38)
3. Evangelism involves both sharing the good news and personal _____ with new believers. (vv. 39-42)