



# Sermon Discussion Guide




## “Evangelism”

John 4:3-30, 35, 39-42

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### Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read John 4:3-30, 35, 39-42. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

### Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

#### INTRODUCTION

- 1 When you think about Evangelism, what feelings well up within you? Excitement? Fear? Anxiety? Anticipation?
- 2 Summarize the *Big Idea* of the sermon in *one phrase or sentence* (Note: this is not the same as listing the main points). In other words, if someone woke you up at 3am on Monday morning and asked, “What was the sermon about on Sunday?” what would you say in the midst of your sleepy haze?

#### EVANGELISM: THE BARRIERS

- 3 How is Jesus’ interaction with the woman at the well a commentary on the “whoever” of John 3:16?
- 4 Do you think you are selfish? How is selfishness a barrier to evangelism? What was the point of the illustration of the Golden Gate Bridge?

- 5 Adam said, “When you begin to get the gospel, you don't want the church to be full of people like you.” How is diversity a proof that the gospel is having its way in a church? How do you see diversity at Seven Rivers?

#### EVANGELISM: THE BROKENNESS

- 6 What did Adam mean when he said, “We all have broken cisterns. Everybody is driven by a deep thirst to find life”? What broken cisterns have you hewn instead of looking to God for satisfaction?
- 7 Why did sinners flock to Jesus even though they knew he was against their sin? Why should we never sneer at non-Christians and their disordered loves?
- 8 Why did Adam say it was significant that Jesus never got a drink of water at the well?

#### EVANGELISM: THE BREAKTHROUGH

- 9 Read 1 Corinthians 9:16. What was symbolic about the woman leaving her jar at the well? What are the parts of your story of rescue and adoption that are too good not to tell?
- 10 When was the last time you invited someone to church? Who is someone you need to invite? What was the point of the illustration about the opera singer at the rock concert?

### **Step 3: Final Reflections**

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?