STEP UP AND SHARE

B.L.E.S.S.: Part 6
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How to Witness Like Jesus

John 4:1-42

1. **I must purposely place myself in the PATH OF PEOPLE.**

   *3 [Jesus] left Judea and returned to Galilee. 4 **He had to go through Samaria** on the way. 5 Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. 7 Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "**Please give me a drink**." 8 He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. 9 **The woman was surprised**, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?" (John 4:3-9, NLT)*

   *"I try to **find common ground** with everyone, doing everything I can to save some." (1 Corinthians 9:22b, NLT)*

2. **Use real life to lead into REALER LIFE.**

   *10 Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you **living water**." 11 "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. **Where would you get this living water**? (John 4:10-11, NLT)*

   *"…Always be prepared to give an **answer** to everyone who **asks you** to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect," (1 Peter 3:15, NIV)*

3. **Avoid getting SIDE-TRACKED.**

   *19 "Sir," the woman said, "you must be a prophet. 20 So tell me, **why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship**, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?" 21 Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. 23 But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when **true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth**. **The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way**. 24 For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:19-24, NLT)*

   "Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels." (2 Timothy 2:23, NIV)

4. **Give TRUTHFUL ANSWERS to honest questions.**

*25 The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." 26 Then Jesus told her, "**I AM the Messiah**!" (John 4:25-26, NLT)*

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32, NIV)

5. **I'm responsible for TELLING; God is responsible for TRANSFORMING.**

*27 Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, "**What do you want with her**?" or "Why are you talking to her?" 28 The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, 29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" 30 So the people came streaming from the village to see him. 31 Meanwhile, the disciples were urging Jesus, "Rabbi, eat something." 32 But Jesus replied, "I have a kind of food you know nothing about." 33 "Did someone bring him food while we were gone?" the disciples asked each other. 34 Then Jesus explained: "**My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work**. 35Do you think the work of harvesting will not begin until the summer ends four months from now? **LOOK AROUND YOU!** Vast fields of human **souls are ripening all around us**, and are ready now for reaping. 36The reapers will be paid good wages and will be gathering eternal souls into the granaries of heaven! What joys await the sower and the reaper, both together! (John 4:27-36, NLT/TLB)*

"…you must declare the good news…don't worry beforehand about what you're going to say. Say what's given to you by God at that time, because it isn't you who's speaking, but the Holy Spirit, who will give you the words to say." (Mark 13:11, Word Come Alive New Testament Paraphrase)

RESULT:
God turns ADDITION INTO MULTIPLICATION.

"A lot of Samaritans in that town put their faith in Jesus because [of] the woman…" (John 4:39, CEV)

ACTION STEPS

GET BAPTIZED NEXT SUNDAY!
HOME Class WED 11/18 or SUN 11/22