



How We Tell Others About Jesus

John 4:27-42 | August 9, 2026

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”

John 4:28-29

- 1. Jesus invites us to leave behind what cannot satisfy.
- 2. Jesus fills us with His life.
- 3. Jesus sends us to overflow into the lives of others.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

First Step: August 16 at 9:00 AM
NextGen Sunday: August 16
DivorceCare begins: August 19 at 6:45 PM

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STUDY QUESTIONS

GETTING STARTED:

Think of a time someone shared something with you that genuinely changed how you saw things. What made their words compelling?

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- » Has there ever been a seemingly ordinary moment that turned out to be a significant turning point for you?
- » What is one thing you carry with you every day, literally or figuratively, that you would find it difficult to leave behind?
- » Jesus chose to go through Samaria rather than around it. Most would have avoided that route entirely because of deep historical wounds between the two peoples. What does this choice reveal about how Jesus approaches people who are considered outsiders or difficult?
- » The woman came to the well alone, in the middle of the day, which likely meant she was avoiding other people. Jesus initiated a conversation with her anyway. What does it say about Jesus that he sought her out rather than waiting for her to come to him?
- » The woman's jar is a metaphor for the old life she left behind. What are some things, generally speaking, that people in our culture reach for when they feel stressed, lonely, or overwhelmed?
- » We may try to cope with discomfort, including overworking, withdrawing, unhealthy relationships, and scrolling. Why do you think these things feel satisfying in the moment but leave us feeling emptier over time?
- » The bottom line is this: We don't tell others about Jesus because we have all the answers. We tell others because we've met the One who changed our lives. What does this reframe for you about what it means to share your faith?
- » The Samaritans in the story initially came because of the woman's testimony but then stayed because of their own encounter with Jesus. What is the difference between believing something because someone told you and believing something because you have experienced it yourself? How does that distinction shape how we talk to others about Jesus?

NEXT STEPS:

- » Spend time this week in honest reflection. Ask yourself: What do I reach for when I feel empty, anxious, or overwhelmed? Write it down. Bring it to Jesus in prayer and ask him to replace it with something that truly satisfies.
- » Write One Sentence of Your Story. The woman's entire testimony was one sentence. Practice writing one sentence that describes what Jesus has done or is doing in your life. It does not need to be polished. It just needs to be true.