

# Discussion Questions



## Key Takeaways from the Sermon

1. **Go to the places where others won't** - Jesus intentionally went through Samaria when others avoided it
2. **Start with simple conversations that lead to faith** - Jesus began by asking for water
3. **Address the real issue** - We must acknowledge our need for a Savior
4. **Share the gospel of Christ clearly** - Proclaim Jesus, not our opinions or rules
5. **Our testimony is powerful** - Share how Jesus transformed your life

## Discussion Questions

### Understanding the Text

1. Why was it significant that Jesus "had to go through Samaria" when other Jews avoided it? What does this teach us about intentionality in sharing the gospel?
2. How did Jesus move from a simple request for water to discussing "living water"? What can we learn from His approach?
3. Why was it necessary for Jesus to address the woman's sin (her five husbands)? How did He do this in a way that led to transformation rather than shame?

### Personal Reflection

4. Who is your "Samaritan"? Think about the people closest to you that you've been avoiding spiritual conversations with. Why have you avoided these conversations?

5. Pastor Jonathan shared: "Sharing the gospel isn't about making others feel bad about their life. Rather, it's about helping them see a more hopeful future in Christ." How does this perspective change the way you think about evangelism?
6. Reflect on your own salvation story. What was the moment you realized you needed a Savior? How can sharing this part of your story help others?

## Application and Action

7. The sermon mentioned that we often feel awkward or insecure about sharing our faith. What specific fears or insecurities hold you back from sharing the gospel with people you know?
8. Jesus started with a simple, natural question. What are some "simple conversation starters" you could use this week that might lead to spiritual discussions?
9. Pastor Jonathan's Tim Hortons story showed that what we see as failure, God sees as opportunity. Have you ever felt like you "failed" in sharing your faith? How might God have been working in that situation in ways you didn't see?
10. The blind man in John 9:25 said, "I don't know much about this man named Jesus...but I can't deny what happened to me." How can you use your personal testimony even when you don't have all the theological answers?

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## Practical Applications

### This Week's Challenge

Choose ONE of the following to act on this week:

#### Option 1: Identify Your Samaria

- Write down 3-5 names of people closest to you who don't know Jesus
- Commit to praying for them daily this week
- Ask God to show you a natural opportunity to have a spiritual conversation

#### Option 2: Practice Your Testimony

Derived from Sunday morning sermon via Pulpit AI

- Write out your testimony in 3-5 minutes (focus on: life before Christ, how you came to Christ, life after Christ)
- Share it with your small group or a trusted friend
- Ask for feedback on clarity and gospel-centeredness

### **Option 3: Start Simple Conversations**

- This week, intentionally ask someone "How are you really doing?" or "Can I pray for you about anything?"
- Be genuinely present and listen
- Look for opportunities to share hope in Christ

### **Option 4: Go Where Others Won't**

- Identify one place or person you've been avoiding
- Take a step toward that person or place this week
- Pray for God to give you courage and open doors for conversation

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## **Accountability Questions**

1. Who specifically will you pray for this week to come to know Christ?
2. What is one conversation you need to have that you've been avoiding?
3. How can this group support you and hold you accountable in sharing your faith?

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## **Prayer Focus**

### **Pray for:**

- Boldness to share the gospel with those closest to us
- Eyes to see the "harvest fields" around us
- Specific people in your life who need to hear about Jesus

- Wisdom to know when and how to share your testimony
- Trust that God is working even when we don't see immediate results

**Remember:** "What we see as a failure, God sees as an opportunity."