



# All Christians' Fellowship International

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## *Interactive Sunday school Outline*

TOPIC: **Getting People Interested**

TEXT: **John 4:4-30**

**Instructions:** *Instructions: - Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

**Introduction:** Have you ever met a person and instantly concluded, "Oh, they would *never* be interested in the gospel," only to discover later how wrong you were? If you have, then you're in good company. The disciple crossed the Samaritan woman off their list because a mere glance betrayed her immoral life and her Samaritan racial characteristics. But Jesus shows us that we must never look at a person superficial instead, we should ask ourselves: Why are they doing what they do? Are they looking for the right thing but in all the wrong places?

1. What kinds of people make you feel they'd never be interested the gospel?
2. Read John 4:4-30. While Jesus is resting from his journey, a Samaritan woman approaches at "the sixth hour" (noon). Why would s come to draw water at the hottest time of the day (w. 6-7)?
3. The Jews had high standards of righteousness they thought their rabbis should live up to. How does Jesus arouse the woman's curiosity by taking the risk of talking to her?
4. Instead of telling her right away who he was, Jesus began by asking the woman for a favor (v. 7). Why is it important to allow unbelievers to meet *our* needs, instead of our doing all the giving?
- 5- How does Jesus' statement about living water begin to move the conversation to a deeper level (w. 11-15)?
6. How can we use objects, ideas, experiences and needs people are familiar with to arouse interest in spiritual truths?
7. Why, at just this strategic moment, does Jesus delve into the woman's personal life (w. 16-18)?
8. What relationships do we now see between this "thirst" he I been speaking of and the woman's immoral past?
9. Think of non-Christians you know. In what ways do they indie they are spiritually thirsty? How can you show them the way the gospel can meet their net without being judgmental? (Note that even though Jesus speaks frankly about the woman's morals, she does not respond defensively.)
10. The Samaritans worshiped on Mount Gerizim, the Jews in Jerusalem. How does Jesus deal with the woman's "red herring" in verses 19-24?
11. Why does he wait until the end of the conversation to reveal who he is (w. 25-26)?
12. How do verses 28-30 reveal the woman's excitement about her conversation with Jesus?
13. Look back over the passage. What are the ways Jesus aroused the woman's interest in the good news?

Give one specific example of how you might arouse someone's interest in the gospel.