

MORE OF JESUS' PRINCIPLES FOR WITNESSING

PLEASE do not read these comments until you have prayed and read the Bible for this lesson to learn what the Holy Spirit wants you to teach your students. Then let Him guide you in using these notes. When you follow this procedure you will be a better teacher of your students.

Lesson Aim: Master the principles Jesus used in witnessing to the Samaritan woman.

Suggestion: The teacher lesson will call attention to some important truths to teach. After the lesson, give your class next week's Student Lesson so they can share their answers in class next week.

Introduction: Jesus was the Master Witness and Soul-Winner. In John 4 Jesus continues to demonstrate His ability to witness and win the lost in personal soul-winning. The principles He used in witnessing will be helpful for all believers to master to be successful in bringing lost sinners to Christ. Jesus promised, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men" (Mt 4:19).

What witnessing principles did Jesus use with the Samaritan woman? 4:4-26

- 1. Obey the Spirit's impulse to witness — 4:4.** Jesus had to go through Samaria to witness.
- 2. Begin the conversation — 4:5-7.** Jesus opened His discussion with the Samaritan woman.
- 3. Get the sinner's attention — 4:7.** Jesus asked the woman for a drink of water.
- 4. Attract and hold the sinner's interest — 4:10-12.** Jesus attracted and held her interest by saying, "if you knew the gift of God and who asked you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water." He told her enough so she would ask questions.
- 5. Reveal the benefits of God's gift — 4:13-15.** Jesus said she would not thirst again with His water. It would be in her a well of water springing up into everlasting life. She wanted it.
- 6. Expose the sinner's sins — 4:16-18.** Jesus exposed the woman's immoral life. We can do this by reviewing a few of the Ten Commandments with a lost sinner.
- 7. Focus on true worship — 4:19-24.** The woman talked about the place of worship, but Jesus focused on the spirit of true worship, which is made possible by salvation from sin.
- 8. Present Jesus as the Savior — 4:25-26, 42.** When the woman mentioned the Messiah, who is the Savior of the world, Jesus told the woman that He was the Messiah.

What witnessing principles did Jesus teach His disciples? 4:27-42

- 1. Declare the truth to all sinners by not being prejudiced — 4:27-32, 39-42**
- 2. Discover the strength and satisfaction of doing the will of God — 4:34**
- 3. Decide to witness for the Lord now — 4:35.** The Lord's harvest for souls is ready.
- 4. Disciples sow and reap together — 4:36-38.** Both are needed to have a harvest.

What witnessing principles did Jesus use with the nobleman? 4:46-50

- 1. Determine the sinner's motive — 4:46-49.** Jesus charged the nobleman with a false motive for coming to Him, simply to see a miracle. This made the nobleman state his true motive, to see his son healed and not die. This intensified his faith in Jesus. We need to make sinners state their motive for coming to Jesus to clarify and stimulate their faith in Him.
- 2. Develop the sinner's faith — 4:50.** Jesus merely gave the nobleman His word that his son would live. He gave him no outward sign. He had to depend on Jesus' word, if he wanted help. The nobleman believed and his son was healed at that very hour. After a sinner has called on the Lord for salvation, we need to ask, Do you believe God saved you when you called on Him? Have him read God's promise in Rom 10:13. If he believes God's promise, ask him if he wants to thank God for saving him. if he thanks God, it will strengthen his faith in Him.