

## Righteous Reasoning in Evangelism

John 4.19-42

### Intro:

Reaching the lost requires strategy, spirituality, seriousness and stamina. Jesus' Samaritan campaign was rich, full of conversation and conviction on his part and the woman at the well. This powerful encounter revolving around water will teach us how the Lord handled sin, spiritual subjects, made claims and validated them and the spiritual connection made with a woman in sin. Four things are necessary to accomplish the goal we have. We need the proper **Character**, we also need to engage in spiritual **Conversation**, furthermore, we need biblical **Content** and lastly we must make the lasting **Connection**. Let's consider four quick points:

1. Jesus did not Ignore Sin (John 4.16-18)
2. Jesus Taught on Spiritual Subjects (John 4.19-24)
3. Jesus' claim was Communicated (John 4.25-26)
4. Jesus made the Contact (John 4.27-42)

### Discourse:

#### I. Jesus did NOT Ignore Sin (16-18)

- A. Real love communicates about sin and life (Acts 20.25-27).
- B. People need to know what God requires of them to make them better.
- C. Following Jesus requires as much **information** and **illustrations** as possible.
  1. Jesus began His teachings with straight doctrine (Matt. 5.1-7.29).
  2. He confirmed His teachings with miracles & compassion (Matt. 8.1- 9.38).
  3. Jesus continued teaching with parables due to dull hearts (Matt. 13.1ff).
- D. We must help people consider the value of HOLINESS.

#### II. Jesus Taught on Spiritual Subjects (19-24)

- A. Our conversations must point to God.
  1. She was talking about a physical location, Jesus spiritual locations.
  2. She realized something special about Him (vs. 19 - called Him a prophet)
- B. Jesus spoke with confidence (vs. 22).
  1. He said, "*we know what we worship...*"
  2. The only way to know is to have information to lean upon.
- C. Jesus talked about God's expectations (vss. 23-24).
  1. God is seeking such to worship Him
  2. Those worshiping Him must be truthful.
  3. Those approaching God must be spiritually right before Him.
  4. When speaking about God, we must get others to see Him as holy.
- D. We must elevate our thinking and encourage spiritual conversations as well.

### III. Jesus Helped Her draw the Correct Conclusions (the proper claims) (25-26)

- A. When people are correct, we should validate their findings.
- B. Jesus did not deny who He was (2 Tim. 2.13). We should not deny who and what we are in Christ as well. We identify with Christ. We identify AS Christians.
- C. We should encourage people to simply read the bible.
  - 1. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God (Rom. 10.17).
  - 2. Understanding comes by reading the word of God (Eph. 3.3-5).
  - 3. This makes for better conversations and understanding.
  - 4. This also helps people reason better.

### IV. Jesus Made Contact... (27-42)

- A. With His Disciples (27; 31-38)
  - 1. He reminded them to think **Higher** (32-34)
    - a) We need to think the best of people.
    - b) When we find out who a person is, believe them.
  - 2. He reasoned with them to think **Honestly** (35-36)
    - a) We have to be honest about people and see them as redeemable.
    - b) When people are close to the kingdom, we must help them come.
  - 3. He rejoiced with them to consider the **Harvest** (37-38)
    - a) We need to understand the work of others in the church.
    - b) We need to be aware of who's working with who (Rom. 15.20).
- B. With the Woman at the Well (28-30)
  - 1. His persuasion led her to tell others about Him.
  - 2. He told her the truth and she acknowledged it about herself.
  - 3. Their influence combined cause Samaria to come see the Man (vs. 30).
- C. With the Samaritan People (39-42)
  - 1. The **power of persuasion** is key to winning people.
    - a) Our words (Col. 4.4-6).
    - b) Our conduct (Phil. 1.27).
  - 2. The **power of belief** is key to being won by God and His people.
    - a) They believed enough to check out what she was saying (vs. 30).
    - b) They believed what the woman said (vs. 39).
    - c) They believed what He said (vs. 41).
  - 3. The **power of an invitation** from good people.
    - a) The people invited Him to stay a few days (vs. 40 & 42).
    - b) This invitation led to Samaria being baptized (Acts 8.1-12).

### Conclusion:

Let us do our part in reasoning right with people and allowing God to give increase.