

This is My Story

John 4

Outreach – what we often call “sharing our faith” or “witnessing”, involves telling the Jesus story, the Gospel. But it is most effective when we weave the love of Jesus into our own personal story. John 4:1-42 is a great teaching for this. As we read the passage, what do we learn...

1) About how to engage others in conversation? (* see below)

2) About what not to say?

3) About response to the Gospel?

* Examples of a “lead in”, an outreach tool to which we can attach our story and the Jesus story:

Acting as a sounding board
Spending quality time with others
Making a meal for someone in need
Writing notes of encouragement
Giving gifts to show my care
Sitting quietly with the broken

Praying with others
Doing chores for others
Offering advice
Sharing a smile
Giving hugs
Offering a shoulder to cry on

Non-outreach excuse list:

I don't have time to share my faith

I don't know how to share my faith

I don't know how to start a spiritual conversation

I already know they're not interested

I'm waiting for the perfect moment

I'm not a good speaker

I'm not an outgoing person

I want to speak with my life, not my words

I feel like a bad example to be sharing the Gospel

I don't want to inconvenience people

It's the pastor's job to share the Gospel

I won't be able to answer their tough questions

I'm scared of getting rejected, or looked down on

Other: _____