

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. Dealing with delicate issues
  - a) Family issues
  - b) Death
  - c) Divorce
  - d) Multiple Marriages
  - e) Living together (unmarried)
2. The Family Concept in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century
  - a) The Legally Married State
  - b) The problem of living together though unmarried

## **THE INVITATION OF THE LORD JESUS**

1. Calling the husband
  - a) Natural to share “the good news” (The Gospel)
  - b) Invitation given
2. Unearthing latent/ deep problems
  - a) Admission of the Samaritan woman

“I have no husband” John 4:17a
  - b) Candid response of the Lord Jesus
    - i) “You have well said” (no husband) John 4:17b
    - ii) “You have had 5 husbands” John 4:18a
    - iii) “The one whom you now have is not your husband” John 4:18b
  - c) There was no condemnation!

## **THE RESPONSE OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

1. She was not ready/ not willing to speak about her marital affairs

2. She commented

“Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet”      John 4:19

a) She was impressed

b) How could the Lord Jesus have known about her life?

4. She added

a) Samaritan Worship

i) Worshipping in Mt. Gerizim

ii) For centuries      John 4:20a

b) Jewish Worship

i) Worshipping in Jerusalem

ii) The only place to worship      John 4:20b

c) Another delicate issue

i) Religion

ii) Worship

iii) Traditional practices

iv) Centuries old practices

## **THE RESPONSE OF THE LORD JESUS**

1. Typical

a) Candid

b) Clear

c) Non-condemnatory

d) No compromise either

## 2. Worship as God desires it

### a) Worship

i) Not confined to Mt. Gerizim

ii) Nor Jerusalem

### b) New understanding/ practice of worship

i) The hour is coming

ii) Now is (the hour) John 4:21a

### c) True worship

i) Began with Jerusalem

ii) Established by the Lord

iii) Worship by the Jews is correct John 4:22a

iv) Salvation is of the Jews John 4:22b

### d) Emphasis of New understanding/practice of worship

i) The hour is coming

ii) And now is John 4:23a

### e) True worshippers

i) Will worship the Father

ii) In spirit

iii) In truth John 4:23b

### f) Emphasis again

i) Worship in spirit

ii) In truth John 4:24

## **THE RESPONSE OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

1. Faith in the Messiah to come John 4:25a

2. He will tell us all things John 4:25b

### **THE FINAL WORD OF REVELATION**

The Lord declares that He is the Messiah John 4:26

### **EVALUATION OF "SPECIAL CHALLENGES" EVANGELISM**

1. Free and open Discussion

- a) Free exchange of words/thoughts allowed for
- b) Steady focus of the Lord Jesus
  - i) The Gospel (in particular)
  - ii) Biblical truth (in general)
  - iii) Worship (New and enlightening)

2. The Lord Jesus did not press the Samaritan woman to make a decision

- a) Concerning sin
- b) Concerning lifestyle
- c) Concerning religion
- d) Patience was obvious

3. The Part of the Samaritan woman

- a) Many things to think through
- b) Personal life issues to be dealt with
- c) Faith in the Lord Jesus as the Messiah