

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL
Text: John 4:39-42
Subject: Evangelism
Focus: Special Challenges IV

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REVIEW

1. Special Challenges in Evangelism

- a) Gender issues
- b) Marital problems
- c) Religious sensitivities
- d) Racial prejudices

These are to be taken note of!

2. The Focus of Evangelism remains the same

- a) The presentation of the Lord Jesus Christ
 - i) The Giver of life
 - ii) The Hope of Mankind
 - iii) The Prophesied Messiah
- b) The Faith-power to be effective as evangelists
 - i) It is to be found
 - ii) In humble prayer
 - iii) In the cultivation of our skills in presenting the Gospel
 - iv) In faith in the power of the message of the Cross

THE SAMARITAN MINISTRY

1. This was an entirely new experience

- a) For the Samaritans
- b) For the Disciples

2. Faith of many Samaritans

- a) The city of Sychar
- b) The city of the Samaritan woman
- c) Many believed John 4:39a

3. Reasons for their belief in the Lord

- a) They believed in the Lord Jesus John 4:39b
- b) They believed because of the word of the Samaritan woman John 4:39c
 - i) She was convicted of her sins
 - ii) She was cleansed
 - iii) She spoke about her conversion
 - iv) She caused others to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ!

THE INVITATION OF THE SAMARITANS

- 1. They came to see the Lord Jesus Christ at the well
- 2. They spoke to Him
- 3. They then invited Him to visit their city
- 4. The Lord Jesus accepted their invitation
- 5. He and His disciples stayed there for 2 days John 4:40

MORE CAME TO BELIEVE IN THE LORD

- 1. Many more believed John 4:41
- 2. Because of the Lord's personal word to the Samaritans John 4:41
 - a) A personal touch
 - b) A personal relationship
 - c) A personal word
 - d) A personal friendship

IN FELLOWSHIP WITH THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

1. The new believers

- a) They spoke to the Samaritan woman
- b) They were able to speak to her frankly/ freely
- c) There were apparently two groups
 - i) Those who believed because of the witness of the Samaritan woman
 - ii) Others who believed because they heard the Lord personally

2. The sharing of the Second Group

- a) Confession of their faith
"Now we believe" John 4:42a
- b) Reasons
 - i) "Not because of what you said" John 4:42b
 - ii) "For we ourselves have heard Him" John 4:42c
- c) Certainty of faith
 - i) "We know" John 4:42d
 - ii) "That this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world" John 4:42e

CONCLUSION

1. The Example of the Lord Jesus

- a) To be studied
- b) To be understood
- c) To be emulated

2. The need to examine our commitment to evangelism

- a) Is it our food to do God's will?

b) How do we see the harvest field?

3. Precious and Powerful Example of the Lord Jesus in Personal Evangelism

a) Consciousness of the Will of God

b) Commitment to do His Father's will

i) As His food

ii) To commence and to finish doing His work

c) Communication Skill

i) Overcome racial tension

ii) Presentation of the Gospel in a relevant way

iii) Effective reaching out to a single person

iv) Or to a city of interested people