

“The Near-Sighted Church”

John 4:34-38

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Introduction:

- A. Having clear _____ and clear _____ can be a challenge.
- B. Nearsighted people are unable to see _____ objects.
- C. It is possible in our everyday life to “_____” people without really “_____” them as people worth caring about who are in need of a Savior.
- D. The Samaritan woman in John 4 was an unlikely prospect for three reasons: She was a _____, _____ and not _____.

I. Three Types of Evangelistic Near-Sightedness

- A. _____ Near-Sightedness (Jn. 4:4)
- B. _____ Near-Sightedness (Mt. 28:1-19; Mk. 16:15-16; Jn. 4:35)
- C. _____ Near-Sightedness (Lk. 5:29-32; Rom. 3:23)

II. Three Ways to Overcome Evangelistic Near-Sightedness

- A. Realize the nothing was more important to Jesus than _____ (Jn. 4:34; Lk. 19:10)
- B. Realize that there are many _____ around us if we will _____ our _____ to them. (Jn. 4:35; Mt. 9:36-38; Col. 4:5-6)
- C. Realize that _____ is already at _____ ahead of us. (Jn. 4:36-38; Acts 8)

Conclusion:

- A. Look at what happened because Jesus was not evangelistically nearsighted - Jn. 4:39-41.
- B. C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*: “All day long we are, in some degree, helping each other to one or other of these destinations (i.e., heaven or hell)...But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit – immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.”
- C. When was the last time your _____ led to someone becoming a _____?

Answer Key: Intro.A. vision, understanding. B. far, away. C. see, seeing. D. Samaritan, woman, respectable. I.A. Geographical. I.B. Racial. I.C. Moral. II.A. outreach. II.B. opportunities, open, eyes. II.C. God, work. Concl.C. efforts, Christian.