"The Near-Sighted Church"  
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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 Samarian 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.
Samarian, 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.