

Closing the Spiritual Gap

SERMON NOTES

Week 4 February 27, 2022

“Come and See”

Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8, Luke 19:10,
John 20:21, John 4:7, 9, 16-17, 27-29, 39, 40-42



I. Introduction

- A. U.S. church attendance is _____ sharply in the past two decades.
- B. Jesus gave us our marching orders to create new _____ of Him.
- C. Eighty-six percent of first time church visitors were personally _____ by a family member or friend.

II. The Woman at the Well

- A. People didn't draw water in the middle of the day, they drew water in the _____.
- B. Associating with _____ made you ceremonially unclean.
- C. Jesus saw a _____ and he engaged her in conversation.

III. Who, Why and When

- A. There are three cues that can help us determine _____ to invite if we pay attention.
 - a. Cue #1 – Not going well.
 - b. Cue #2 – Not prepared for...
 - c. Cue # 3 – Not in church.
- B. An experience with _____ changes everything.
- C. Challenge: Invite _____ person this year to their next step with Jesus.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

When Jesus' earliest followers invited people to come and see him, they weren't trying to explain something. They were inviting others to experience someone. A living example is better than a lengthy explanation. If people don't like what they see in us, they won't come and see with us. But how do we know who, when, and why to offer an invitation?

Monday: Luke 5:12-15

When people had an experience with Jesus, they went and told others to 'come and see.' The crowds following Jesus continued to grow and grow. Did your church experience begin with an invitation from someone? If so, how do you feel about that person?

Tuesday: John 4:27-29

The Samaritan woman at the well invited people from her city to 'come and see' Jesus. She wanted them to experience what she had experienced. Have you ever invited someone to come and see Jesus? Was it worth the risk? What happened?

Wednesday: John 4:4-26

What stands out to you about the way Jesus interacts with the woman at the well? Why does it stand out to you?

Thursday: Acts 21:27-36

The apostle Paul was arrested several times for preaching the message of Jesus. He wanted as many people as possible to experience Jesus and he risked his life to make that happen. What are some things that stand in the way of you inviting someone to come and see? What can you do to overcome those obstacles?

Friday John 4:39-42

Who came to mind as you listened to the message? What is your best next step with that person? Do you need to begin to invest in a relationship with him or her? Do you need to offer an invitation to come and see?

MOVING FORWARD

How do you know when to invite someone to church? Follow the cues. Sometimes things aren't going well in someone's life. That's a good time for him or her to come and see Jesus. Sometimes a person isn't prepared for the season he or she is living. That's a good time to offer an invitation to come and see. But an invitation doesn't have to be about solving a problem or dealing with a difficult situation. Sometimes a person just needs to come and see Jesus. Follow the cues.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) down, B) followers, C) invited. IIA) evening, IIB) Samaritans, C) cue. IIIA) who, B) Jesus, C) one.