



John: The Great "I AM" Gospel  
John 4:27-42  
From Sermon 7.23.23

Read *John 4:27-42*

Overview From Sunday's Sermon: Now converted (saved, born again), the Samaritan woman displays the first evidence of the Holy Spirit's indwelling = testimony. Without knowledge, ignoring fear, and free from the guilt of her past, she rushes to her community to tell them about Jesus and invite them to come see and hear for themselves. The section is a great reminder and motivator to our own outreach efforts.

1. This section of chapter 4 was called "an outline for evangelism". What is evangelism? The Greek term for "Good News". In English: The Gospel. We are called to share the full, biblical truth about the life, death, resurrection, and meaning of Jesus Christ, as revealed in Scripture, and our journey to that truth.

2. What was the immediate evidence of the woman's genuine conversion? 1) Understanding the deeper, spiritual truth Jesus was teaching her. 2) being moved to evangelize/share.

3. What people were instrumental in your coming to Christ? Various personal answers

4. Who bears the responsibility to evangelize? See *1 Peter 3:15*. While some are gifted and called to the ministry of evangelism, all redeemed believers are called to share the Good News and their story about Christ.

4a. What are some Barriers/Excuses/Reason we don't share Jesus? Various answers. Include fear of rejection or response. Unqualified. Don't know enough. Fear of being ostracized and excluded. My weekday life doesn't line up with my Sunday life: hypocrisy. See *James 3:9-10*

5. Read *John 9:24-25*. Discuss the lesson and the encouragement from this community and the woman at the well. God doesn't need perfect, qualified witnesses. He wants faithful, willing ones. He does the work, not your words or knowledge. We are not responsible for the verdict/outcome...just the testimony. Simplicity: Who I was, How I came to Christ, & Who I am now. [along with Gospel Truth]

6. What are some of the inherent dangers in believing we are responsible for both the testimony and the outcome (conversion)? We'll resort to all kinds of worldly, even unbiblical tactics, gimmicks, and programs. List a few that are common in our day: watering down the Gospel. Promoting the goodies (power, healing, prosperity), downplaying sin and repentance, making Jesus and the Father like us, making Christianity "cost-free".

7. What did the disciples learn about the inclusion of evangelism? God was also going to call and save Gentiles (non-Jews) in this new thing called Church. See *Acts 10:44-45 & 15:4-9 & Romans 10:12-13*

Bonus—Two Extremes:

- It's all up to Me/Us.
- It's all up to God = Lifestyle evangelism only. See *Titus 2:7-8*