

John 4, Sharing our faith - Part 2: Opportunities

1. Jesus approached the woman at the well as a guest (asking for help) and not a host (someone who is ready to give and serve). In contrast, some churches will only engage in evangelism if they have the practical resources. What can we learn from Jesus and his approach of being a guest and not a host?
2. When we are still, as Jesus was, we are more likely to notice an outsider. How can we slowdown in the busyness of life and notice the people around us more?
3. Jesus intentionally talks about faith in God and God's provision of living water. Do you find it easy or hard it to talk about your faith in everyday conversations?
4. Three strands of faith are evident in the conversation. In what way could we speak to people we know about these 3 areas? (Consider the areas one at a time and suggest ideas):
 - a. Living water which will satisfy (the **fullness of life** that Jesus offers).
 - b. **Relationship with God** (worshipping in spirit and truth is about knowing Jesus and worshipping in his presence).
 - c. The woman overflows with **hope**: '*Come and see*' she says.
5. In our everyday lives, when we see people who are upset, how do we respond to them?
6. Graeme suggested that a conversational or chaplaincy model offers many of us the most natural form of evangelism for us. Do you agree? In using this approach, how can we listen well and show care, but also intentionally talk about our faith?
7. Graeme used the analogy of fishing, suggesting that there are certain things that we can say that offer people the opportunity to engage in a spiritual conversation. An example of this is Jesus speaking of living water. Can you think of some examples of things we could say or do that could open up a spiritual conversation?
8. We talk naturally about the things that matter the most to us. From this perspective, you could say that our desire to be honest about our faith acts like a spiritual thermometer which shows how alive our everyday faith is. How can we grow in our faith and love of Jesus more so that our enthusiasm for him would overflow?
9. Jesus said that the fields are ripe for harvest, and we are to go as his labourers. If this is his command, why do we keep asking him to send people to us?