

John 4, Sharing our faith - Part 4: we Need God

1. Graeme said that evangelism involved *the simplicity of sharing our experience of knowing Jesus*. How does thinking about evangelism in this way make it easier?
2. Our basic physical needs are food, water, air and shelter. Do we need God as much as, more than or less than these?
3. Without hearing God, the encounter with the woman at the well would never have worked. What priority do we give to trying to seek God's guidance in our everyday life?
4. Jesus travelled a different route than the one he would be expected to take. Have you ever felt God encourage you to travel a different way in your everyday life and then something unexpected happened?
5. Jesus saw beyond the prejudice in society. What do you think that God might want to say to his church about prejudice and how we view/judge others?
6. Jesus knew things about the woman's life (a spiritual gift of knowledge in operation). Have you ever experienced this, when God revealed something about someone else to you?
7. How can we listen to God? (The key headings from the sermon were: Pause, develop a habit of looking/paying attention, minimize distractions, what works for you, check what you have heard matches with the Bible – *only use these headings if you need to prompt discussion*).

8. Graeme talked about Spiritual pathways as the different ways that people naturally relate to God: *Intellectual, Relational, Serving, Worshipping with others, Visionary/faith/activist, Contemplative, Creation, Creativity, Visual*.

Which of these do you relate to?
Which feel alien to you personally?



9. How to share what you believe that God might be saying?
 - a. Rather than using a phrase like 'God is saying', we can say something like 'I was praying for you, and this is what came to mind'. What do you think about this?
 - b. Rather than saying to the woman that he knows she isn't married, Jesus suggests that she goes to tell her husband, and this unlocks the conversation. If we believe that God wants us to share something personal or that might be upsetting to someone, is asking a question to open up a generalised conversation about that area of life a better approach than just saying it directly?
10. Specific things that Jesus says unlock the conversation spiritually. Pray for someone who doesn't know Jesus yet and ask God what the spiritual key to their heart is. Are you prepared to commit to listen to God about this in the days and weeks ahead?