

John 4, Sharing our faith - Part 5: Training

1. We have spent several weeks considering how we can be more honest about our faith? What have you learnt? What has encouraged you?
2. When the woman left the well and went to tell the people in the town about her encounter with Jesus, how much training had she had?
3. Is there anyone else in the gospels, other than Jesus who leads so many people to faith?
4. What confidence can we find in the simplicity and honesty of the woman's testimony?
5. What confidence can we gain knowing that Jesus asks us to be his witnesses (just to share what we have experienced)?
6. Jesus stayed for 2 days in the town. If we can learn to regularly share our faith, then some people are likely to be interested enough to want to know more. What would we or could we offer them? What changes, if any, might we as a church have to make to offer people who are seeking faith the opportunity to explore it?
7. In what ways has Jesus given you fullness of life (think of some specific examples). After sharing these, consider how you could share these stories with people who don't know Jesus yet.
8. There were no structured and planned evangelistic activities in the early church and yet it grew. How important is it to rediscover that we are called to be honest about our faith in our everyday lives?

9. The POINT of this series has been to remind us that our primary calling is to be in our everyday **Places**, open to **Opportunities** to be honest about our faith. As we try to do this, we can **Inspire** one another by sharing our experiences. We also **Need** God; to be open to his leading and to the **Training** and insight we can gain from others.



- a. In week 1, we considered our need to slow down as Jesus did by the well. As we do this, how can we be more open to noticing people in need and God at work in our everyday Places?
- b. A chaplaincy model is one where we care for and talk with people and not at them. Many Christians are good at this approach. How do you feel about caring for, listening to and offering insights from your faith to people?
- c. Pray for someone you know who you would like the opportunity to simply share some of your experience of knowing and following Jesus.