

Plant - Tell a Friend

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"Then know this, you and everyone else in Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you completely healed...Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:10-12

"What good does it do to be nice to a person all the way to hell?" - Jim Thompson

4 Principles of Planting from the Story of the Woman at the Well

1. Develop openness through authentic acceptance.

"Now (Jesus) had to go through Samaria...It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" The Samaritan woman said to Him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans)." John 4:4-9

- Seek those who are not seeking.
- Start with common ground.
- Don't let cultural differences hinder you.
- Asking for help gives others value.

2. Develop interest through genuine conversation.

"Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water."

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." John 4:10-15

- Ask questions.
- Share your story.
- Ask permission to share deeper.

3. Develop conviction through loving truth.

“He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

“I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us.”

Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am He.” John 4:16-18; 25-26

- Timing is everything.
- Tell the truth without judgment.
- There is only salvation in Jesus.

4. You plant the seed now; God will make it produce fruit!

“Then leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ? They came out of the town and made their way toward Him...Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman’s testimony...They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.” John 4:28-29; 39-42

“Jesus said, “Do you not say, “Four months more and then the harvest?” I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.” John 4:35

“Jesus said, “Come follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.”” Mark 1:17