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REACHING... The Samaritan Woman
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John 4:1-39

Lift up your eyes!

Today the separation between us and them ends.

As you are going, make what you are.

Jesus saw interruptions as divine appointments.

Ask yourself, what is the road that I have to take?

- **Jesus was always ready!**

Your God is a missionary God.

"You're either a missionary or a mission field".

Loren Cunningham, Founder – YWAM

John 4:35

Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.

Lift up your eyes _____.

- I will donate one day's wages to Reach One.
- I asked Jesus Christ to be my Lord & Savior for the first time today.
- I rededicated my life to Christ today.



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Lesson Aim: *To grow in our understanding and application of God's heart to reach people who don't know Him.*

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your study time and/or discussion.

Ice-breaker: When is a time you have been fearful of a group of people (or a crowd)?

1. **READ John 4:1-6.** In the message this weekend, Pastor Shawn asked us the question “what is the road I have to take?” As you think about your “roads of life” (where you live, work, study, shop, play, etc.) who are some of the people you encounter along the way? Please write down several names.
2. How could you be more intentional (from a friendship and spiritual perspective) in your interactions with them?
3. **READ John 4:7-14.** Another principle from the message was “Jesus saw interruptions as divine appointments.” Have you ever experienced an interruption that turned out to be a divine appointment? Tell your group about it.
4. **READ John 4:15-26.** Why do you think Jesus brings up the woman's long list of past marriages and her present adulterous relationship?

5. How does Jesus respond when the woman suddenly changes the subject and begins talking about the controversy over the proper place of worship?
6. What principles can you draw from Jesus' conversation with the woman to help you in discussing the gospel with people who don't yet know Him?
7. **READ John 4:27-38.** How is the disciples' confusion about food similar to the woman's confusion about living water?
8. After His encounter with the Samaritan woman, what specific lessons does Jesus apply to His disciples and to us?
9. What might it mean for you personally to “lift up your eyes” where God has placed you?
10. The Samaritan woman didn't have all the answers about Jesus, but she was able to invite her entire village to come and see who He was. Who is one person (or people) you could invite to “come and see” Who Jesus is by inviting them to church or some other Christ-centered event/activity? What will you invite them to? By what date will you try to do this?

Close in prayer, taking time to pray by name for some of the people you mentioned who don't yet know Jesus. Also pray for each other to have the heart of Jesus and His guidance as you strive to reach others for Him (if your LifeGroup is large you may want to break up into smaller groups to do this).

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our friendly, message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at theBridgeFresno.com by clicking on the “Messages” link.