



## **Harvester Groups** **Be a Neighbor | Group Questions for “Cross Conversations”**

**The Big Idea:** How do you have Gospel conversations with your neighbors?

**Prepare:** Read John 4 and Acts 3:1-10.

### **Discuss\***

- In John 4:10, Jesus sets an expectation of what the Samaritan woman should desire to receive from Him. Sometimes our expectations of Jesus don't match what He offers. Talk about some times when a person's unrealistic expectations of Jesus made it difficult to share the true Gospel with them.
- Read verse 15 and notice that the Samaritan woman expected Jesus to resolve one of her worldly responsibilities, i.e. having to draw water every day. He was able to steer the conversation toward deeper, more important things. Can you share a time that you either were able to steer a conversation with a neighbor from the mundane to the deeper spiritual issue? Or maybe you have a time in mind that you were unable to do that you would like to share?
- Look at verses 18 and 19. When Jesus touches on the difficult and, perhaps, ugly parts of the woman's past (living with a man she is not married to and having had 5 husbands) she responds saying that she sees Jesus as a prophet. What do you think this says about her heart? About the way Jesus addressed her past? How should we approach people about their own difficult, hurtful, sinful, or ugly past if we want to be a good neighbor to them?
- Notice the cycle of interaction that Jesus had with the woman: He engaged her over a common need (to resolve thirst), He engaged her with truth (He is the source of eternal life), He engaged her in her story, not His (He told me all the things I have done), and, finally, He engaged her in who He was (I who speak to you am He). Read verses 28 and 29. How did she respond to this "cycle of engagement"? What does this teach us about sharing the Gospel with our neighbors?
- Read verse 28 again. What did the woman do with her waterpot? What do you think this says about how she viewed her worldly needs after she had found Jesus? Do you have the same response to your worldly needs now that you know Jesus? Read Matthew 6:25-34. How do you think anxiousness about our needs might hinder our witness to our neighbors?

### **Apply**

- Read Acts 3:1-10. When you get to the bottom of it all, what do you really have that meets the deepest need of your neighbors? Talk through a practical planning of giving what you do have, "Jesus Christ the Nazarene", to your neighbors.

*\*Use these questions to guide your discussion. Don't feel like you have to go through all of them and make sure you take time to talk through any questions and observations from the group.*