

Because of a snow storm, we did not gather for church. Below: the notes that complete the January sermon series.

Resolutions for a Disciple: Invite

John 4:1-42

A Christian research group, Ranier Studies, asked the top reasons why unchurched people chose the church they were now attending. 49% said because of friendliness of members. 41% said invited them someone to church.

What are some reasons why you hesitate to talk to people about God or church?

A Disciple of Jesus will invite people to experience God and Church and:

1. Look past the politically correct and see the person. Verse 9

Jesus looked past the fact that, as a Jew, He was not allowed to talk to Samaritans and as a teacher not allowed to talk to a woman about spiritual matters. What do you have to overlook to share your faith?

2. Look past the sin and see the sinner. Verses 15=26

The fact that the woman was living in sin became obvious. Jesus did not let that stop Him from inviting her to experience God. How can we as Christians love the sinner while not approving of the sin?

3. Look past our shortcomings and share our faith journey. verses 28-30

The woman could have been too embarrassed to talk the people in her town. What can we do to overcome our inhibitions in order to talk to people about God?

4. Invite others to be drawn to Jesus in us until Jesus is in them. Verse 42

“We no longer believe 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 4:42

Read this verse and discuss the two steps that this verse addresses

The first step is seeing God in us: How can people see God in us?

The second step is experiencing God themselves: What part do we have in this?

Notice: The Woman began the day as the “Town Sinner” and ended the day as the “Town Evangelist”! If the story would have ended with her transformation, it would have been an incredible story. However, she did not keep Jesus for herself. She invited others to experience Him. May we follow her example.