

A Perfect Model for Making Disciples

John 4

Jesus is the Focus of Making Disciples

- **“Out of focus” evangelism**
 - Baptism – 1 Cor. 1:17
 - Church – over commitment to Christ
 - Relationship – hoping faith “rubs off”
- **Do these approaches “make disciples?” (Matt. 28:18-20)**



Jesus is the Focus of Making Disciples

- Jesus has all of what all of us need – every situation, every time (John 4:10-14)



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- Jesus is the answer for relationship problems (John 4:16-18)
 - Jesus unmask her sinfulness
 - Would you have bothered to talk to her?
- Lessons for “messy situations” –
 - Let Jesus do the exposing
 - Don’t give up on them
 - Let the seed do its work



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Temple built
by Sanballat
(450 BC)

Regular violent
skirmishes

Temple
destroyed by
John Hyrcanus
(128 BC)



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 - A change of subject – what’s your “prophetic opinion”?
 - Samaritans worship not according to knowledge
 - “Spirit and truth” – new access to God through Jesus, the true temple (John 2:19)
 - Jesus is the final authority on all matters of worship! (Matt. 28:18)



Growing Faith

- **The Samaritan woman**
 - A Jewish stranger (v. 9)
 - Greater than Jacob? (v. 12)
 - A prophet (v. 19)
 - The Messiah! (v. 29)
- **The Samaritan villagers**
 - Coming to see Jesus (v. 30)
 - Faith because of woman (v. 39)
 - Faith because of Jesus' word (v. 41)
 - Savior of the world! (v. 42)

