

**I. Introduction. v. 1-6 Pr. 11:30**

**II. Make contact with the lost. v. 7-9**

**A. Jesus initiates conversation with the Samaritan woman.**

1. Why does He speak with *her*? v. 7, 9b
2. Jesus is not hindered by man-made social obstacles and prejudices. v. 9, 27

**B. Application.**

1. Be on the lookout for evangelistic opportunities. I Pet. 3:15
2. Take initiative.
3. Don't neglect those who are hurting or downtrodden.
4. Love people.

**III. Stimulate curiosity. v. 10-12**

**A. Jesus offers the woman "living water". v. 10**

1. He moves the conversation from the material to the spiritual. v. 10 2:19 3:3
2. Jesus is ready and able to give abundant mercies to careless sinners.
3. He causes the woman to inquire further. v. 11-12 3:4 8:53

**B. Application.**

1. Practice customized evangelism. Begin where your hearer is.
2. Stimulate interest by how you speak. Col. 4:6
3. Build bridges from material to spiritual things.
4. Be patient. I Pet. 3:15b
5. Take time to listen. Js. 1:19 Prov. 20:5

**IV. Arouse craving (desire). v. 13-15**

**A. Jesus declares the surpassing value of the water He offers. v. 13**

1. Water has spiritual (symbolic) significance. 3:5 7:38
  - a. Spiritual satisfaction. Ps. 36:9 Pr. 13:14 Jer 2:13 17:13 Isa. 55:1f
  - b. Blessings of Messianic age. Zech. 13:1 14:8 Isa. 12:3 44:3 49:10 55:1-2 Ezek. 47 Rev. 7:17 22:1,17 21:6 Nu. 24:7
  - c. The Holy Spirit. 7:37-39 3:5 1:32-33 Ezek. 36:25-27 Acts 2:38
2. The water from Jacob's well symbolizes the limited ability of earthly things to bring satisfaction. v. 13 6:57
3. Jesus brings lasting fulfillment: The water of eternal life. v. 14 6:51
4. Even though the woman doesn't fully understand, she craves what Jesus offers. v. 15 6:34.

**B. Application.**

1. Show people the emptiness of their present way of life. Isa. 55:1-2
2. Proclaim the great benefits Christ brings to His people

**V. Bring conviction of sin. v. 16-20**

**A. Jesus uncovers the woman's sin.**

1. Why doesn't He give her eternal life after her expression of desire? v. 15
2. Her first sip of the living water is the exposure of her guilt. v. 16-18

3. What does the woman's response indicate? v. 19-20,29 6:14 Dt. 18:18 34:10

**B. Application.**

1. Don't rush people to make outward decisions.
2. Men and women must realize they are stricken with the disease of sin before they will seek the Great Physician.
3. I am convinced that the greatest evangelistic challenge of our day is to convince people they are sinners. Rom. 3:10ff
4. How can we bring conviction of sin? Rom. 3:20,23 1:32 Isa 53:6

**VI. God completes the work of conversion (convincing). v. 21-26 .**

**A. Jesus reveals the only way for sinners to draw near to God.**

1. He declares God's spiritual nature. v. 24
2. God cannot be approached through mere outward ritual or human Works. v. 24b
3. The one way men can approach and worship God is through the Messiah!  
v. 25-26,10,14 14:6 Dt. 18:18
4. Why does Jesus so openly reveal Himself so openly to this woman? v. 26

**B. Application.**

1. You cannot be saved by birthright, by works, or by religious ceremony.
2. Spiritual life is a gift of God. v. 10 1:12-13,29 3:14-16 6:37,44 I Jo. 5:1 Isa. 55:1
3. One of the great challenges we face today is pluralism. John 14:6 Acts 4:12
4. Spiritual life is found only in Christ Who brings everlasting fulfillment. v. 14
5. Tell others what God has done for you! John 9:25 Acts 22,24 Phil. 3:1ff

**VII. Conclusion.**

**Discussion questions**

1. Why does Jesus leave Judea? v. 1-3
2. Why was it "necessary for Jesus to pass through Samaria? v. 4
3. What is the significance of Jesus being tired and thirsty? v. 5-6 Heb. 4:15
4. Why does Jesus speak with the Samaritan woman? v. 7-8  
Why was she surprised? v. 9
5. What is the first step in personal evangelism?
6. Why did Jesus speak to the woman about living water? v. 10  
What can we do to arouse the curiosity of unbelievers?
7. How is the water Jesus offers better than the water in Jacob's well? v. 13-15
8. Why didn't Jesus save the woman when she first asked for water? v. 15
9. Why is sin an essential part of the gospel message? v. 16-18
10. How can the woman be made fit for God's presence? v. 20-26
11. What are the five "Cs" for personal evangelism?