



*God has more for us, but he also wants more from us*

## **B - Begin with Prayer**

Aren't you glad someone prayed for you?

Let's talk about how you can return the favor.

First, by working to overcome the struggle many of us have with prayer. It's something we know we should do, something we may even want to do, but it can be hard to be consistent. Even though we know amazing things happen when we pray.

Who do you have in mind to start praying for? Make a list.

When will you start? When will you pray for them?

## **L - Listen**

Active listening means making a conscious, dedicated effort to hear and understand the complete message of a speaker, both verbally and non-verbally, with the intent to fully grasp their perspective rather than just to respond.

Active listening

Being fully present in the conversation

Showing interest by practicing good eye contact

Noticing (and using) non-verbal cues

Listening to understand rather than to respond

Withholding judgment

Asking open-ended questions to encourage further responses

## **E – Eat**

Involves intentionally sharing meals with others to build relationships and show love. It is based on the example of Jesus, who frequently ate with people from all walks of life, and is seen as a way to affirm a person's value, foster deeper connections, and create opportunities to share faith.

## **S – Serve**

We are not like the world in exercising authority

If you want to become great in the Kingdom of God you must serve

Jesus come not to be served but serve

Jesus give us the greatest example when he washed the disciple's feet at task for servants

We are to follow his example

We are to use our gifts to serve others

Serve one another humbly in love

## **S - Story**

BEFORE

Before you met Christ, what were some of your needs, what was lacking, or what was missing in your life?

What methods for improving your life did you try that didn't work?

HOW

What were the circumstances that caused you to consider following Jesus?

What has become your favorite Bible verse and why?

Share about how you trusted Christ and give a brief explanation of the gospel. John 3:16 is a great verse to use.

AFTER

Give an example of how God has met your needs—either physical or emotional—since you accepted Jesus.

Share about what part of your relationship with God you're most grateful for today.

### **John 4:1-42**

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." 11 "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" 13 Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." 16 He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." 17 "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." 19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." 21 "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." 25 The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." 26 Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he." 28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" 30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him. 31 Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." 32 But he said to them, "I have food

to eat that you know nothing about." 33 Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" 34 "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. 35 Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. 36 Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. 37 Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. 38 I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor." 39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. 41 And because of his words many more became believers. 42 They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

1. Talk to people. Jesus strikes up a conversation with a woman. Unusual in that time.
2. Ask questions. Will you give me a drink? Jesus ask her to go get her husband?
3. Share your story. Jesus tells her who he is, and about the water he could give her.
4. Witness/Invite. The woman becomes a witness she goes back to town and says to the town folk come see a man who told me everything about myself. She shared her testimony, and invited them to come see.
5. Fruit. Many Samaritans believed because of her testimony, and many more became believers because of Jesus' words.
6. Open your eyes. Jesus tells the disciples to open their eyes to see the ripe harvest.