

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Sergio & Andrea Duarte | Uruguay



PRAISE

- Patricia started her second year of teaching in Eurasia. Thank you for praying for her.

PRAY

- Pray for wisdom for Andrea as she ministers to ladies through Bible study and discipleship.
- The youth group continues to be a blessing. Remember them in prayer as many of them study in very secular schools and universities.
- Pray for Sergio as he teaches pastoral theology classes FEBU (college ministry).
- Pray for Melanie as she finishes high school and seeks guidance and timing for her future studies. She is planning on coming to the States.

Handout: 06/30/24
Study Date: 07/07/24

Go With Purpose

Samaria lies directly between Jerusalem and Galilee. To make the shortest possible trip between the two, a person could simply pass through Samaritan territory on their way from the city. However, most Jews loathed Samaritans. The preferred route was to cross the Jordan river into Perea, avoiding contact with the despised tribe. And yet, this verse says Jesus "had to pass through" this territory.

Samaritans were half-Jewish and half-Gentile, both ethnically and religiously. This made them unclean, hated outcasts in the eyes of the common Israelite (John 4:9). Why would Jesus be obligated to go through this region if there were other options? In short, Jesus is not only submissive to God's timing (John 2:4), but also to His will.

Travelling through Samaria provides Jesus an opportunity to speak with the woman at the well (John 4:7–9). This leads to more ministry opportunities, in speaking to the Samaritans of her town (John 4:40–41). Jesus also uses this as an object lesson for His disciples (John 4:35). In fact, what Jesus does on this short journey foreshadows His command to the disciples at His ascension. In this part of the gospel of John, Jesus travels from Jerusalem, through Judea, into Samaria, and is proclaimed by the Samaritans as the "Savior of the world" (John 4:42). At His ascension, in Acts 1:8, Jesus commands His disciples to carry His message "in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Resource: bibleref.com

KEY VERSE

John 4:4 (NKJV)

“ But He needed to go through Samaria.”

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: John 4:4

Introduction

1. In the first and second paragraphs on page 1 what do we gather about the region of Samaria and it's people?
2. According to paragraph 3 on pg. 1 Jesus makes the choice to go through Samaria. What do we learn based on His experiences in doing so?

Tuesday: John 4:6-8

Going With Purpose Means You Have Someone You Want To Share The Gospel With

3. John 4:6 finds Jesus coming to as stopping point after being *“wearied from His journey.”* Can YOU sense when it's time to stop and share the gospel?
4. In John 4:7-8 Jesus takes the opportunity to share the gospel with the woman at the well. Why was it “fortunate” that His disciples were away at this time?

Wednesday: John 4:7; John 4:9-15

Going With Purpose Means You Will Not Let The Person Sidetrack You

5. How does the woman in John 4:11-12 “challenge” Jesus’ attempts to teach?
6. How does Jesus respond to her “challenge”? How does He keep the conversation moving towards His goal of sharing the Gospel?

Thursday: John 4:16-24

Going With Purpose Means You Have To Take A Risk

7. When Jesus asked the woman to *“call her husband”* what issue and/or sin did she try to “skirt” when she responded back to Him?
8. When the woman responds to Jesus in John 4:19-20 what does she try to do (again) regarding the “subject” Jesus was trying to focus on?
9. “What” ultimately does Jesus present to the woman in John 4:21-24?

Friday: John 4:25-26; John 4:39

Going With Purpose Means You Will Lead A Person To A Salvation Decision (Or At Least Plant A Seed)

10. What “realization” does the woman finally come to in John 4:25 and how does Jesus respond to her in verse 26? What impact does it make?
11. By the woman’s testimony to others *“many of the Samaritans in the city believed in Him.”* Do YOU see how one believer can be turned into many?
12. If we were to “sum up” all of the readings this week from John 4, what is the “overall” message we are receiving as believers from this chapter?