



# Calvary of Albuquerque

## How to Lead People to Water - John 4:10-30

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### MESSAGE SUMMARY

The world is thirsty and doesn't even know it, or won't admit it, or will look to be satisfied by everything else but Jesus Christ. So your job and mine is to lead them to water (living water, that is). Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman illustrates perhaps the best approach for personal evangelism to be found anywhere. Leading someone to the place of spiritual satisfaction is a process that rests upon two pillars—the pillar of attitude and the pillar of approach:

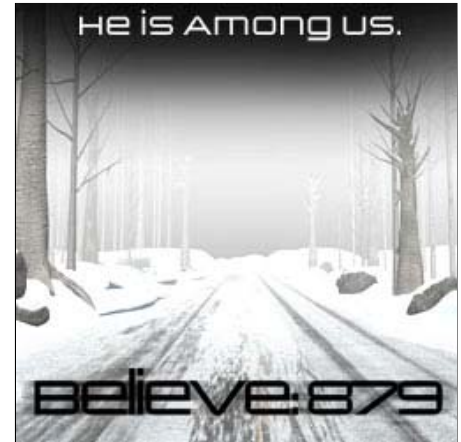
### OUTLINE

#### I. A Loving Attitude

- A. Love Transcends Culture
- B. Love Transcends Gender
- C. Love Transcends Character

#### II. A Lingering Approach

- A. Appeal to Human Curiosity
- B. Appeal to Spiritual Craving
- C. Appeal to Guilty Conscience



### Talk Over These Things:

1. What facts about yourself do you usually leave out when you are telling people about your life? Why do you suppose that is? What things from your past need to be brought out and confessed (at least to God)?
2. What difference would it make in your outlook if Jesus were waiting for you when you arrived at work? How could you cultivate His presence in your present occupation?
3. Consider Jesus' approach to the woman of Samaria. How could your approach to thirsty people around you be more effective if you used this model?

### DETAILED NOTES

#### I. A Loving Attitude - Ask God to give you a loving attitude toward the lost.

- A. Love Transcends Culture
  1. Jews had no dealings with Samaritans
  2. Jesus needed to go through Samaria, because he loves everyone (Matthew 18:12-14)
  3. Application: Is there a culture you have trouble with? Are you prejudiced? Ask for a transforming love for them
- B. Love Transcends Gender
  1. Strict Rabbis forbid younger rabbis from speaking to women (even their wives and daughters) in public
  2. Women were subservient
  3. Jesus saw her as one of his created beings, not as less
  4. Jesus liberated women and raised them to the standard that makes them equal (Galatians 3:28)
- C. Love Transcends Character
  1. Samaritan Woman is a woman of ill repute
  2. Married five times, now living with someone who is not her husband
  3. Application: No one is too low for Jesus to love

#### II. A Lingering Approach

- A. Appeal to Human Curiosity
  1. Jesus statement is not clear cut
  2. Jesus causes her to wonder, whets her appetite
  3. Application: Start with a statement that makes people wonder

B. Appeal to Spiritual Craving

1. Jesus knew she had a deep longing in her heart
2. Human beings have an enormous thirst for spiritual things
3. God put a hole in every human soul (Romans 8:20)
4. Application: Take your conversation to a deeper level

C. Appeal to Guilty Conscience

1. Jesus penetrates defenses and goes for the heart
2. Jesus gets her to see her great need
3. She'll never drink from living water until she recognizes the need
4. Application: People must recognize their sin to see their need for a Savior

Figures Referenced: John Currier, Mahatma Gandhi, Billy Graham, G. Campbell Morgan, JC Ryle, Fritz Kreisler

Cross References: Matthew 18:12-14, Acts 2: 7, Romans 8:20, Galatians 3:28