



NOVEMBER 21, 2021 / OPEN YOUR MOUTH / JOHN 4:1-15

WE BEGIN WITH A GENUINE DESIRE TO ENGAGE PEOPLE AT THE LEVEL OF THEIR DEEPEST NEEDS.

JESUS MODELED A WAY FOR SHARING OUR FAITH IN HIS FAMOUS CONVERSATION WITH THE SAMARITAN WOMAN IN JOHN'S GOSPEL. IN THIS EXTENDED CONVERSATION, JESUS NOT ONLY SHOWS US WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO SHARE OUR FAITH BUT HELPS RECOVER THE ORIGINAL MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

READ John 4:1-42 (focus on 4:1-15).

1. What questions does this passage raise for you? What, if anything, seems out of place?
2. What is behind the Jew/Samaritan divide (John 4:9)? (see 1 Kings 16:24; 2 Kings 17:24)
3. Are there places or environments where you feel uneasy about sharing your faith?
4. What is Jesus driving at in his comments about water and being thirsty (John 4:10, 13-14)? (see Jeremiah 2:13; Matthew 5:6)
5. What can we learn from Jesus's approach with this woman about sharing our faith?
6. Are you in any meaningful conversations about faith with non-believers in your life today?