

Key Scripture:

John 14:6 NKJV

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Meeting those that thirst

John 4:1-10 NLT

1 Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard that He was baptizing and making more disciples than John 2 (though Jesus Himself didn't baptize them—His disciples did).

3 So He left Judea and returned to Galilee. 4 He had to go through Samaria on the way. 5 Eventually He came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. 7 Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give Me a drink." 8 He was alone at the time because His disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. 9 The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

10 Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask Me, and I would give you living water."

Reasons why Christians don't reach out to the lost.

✓ **Unwilling** to pay the cost of following Jesus.

John 4:6 NLT

Jacob's well was there; and Jesus<u>, tired from the long walk, sat wearily</u> beside the well about noontime.

✓ **Isolated** from nonbelievers.

John 4:9 NLT

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√ Procrastination

John 4:35 TLB

Do **you think the work of harvesting will not begin until the summer ends** four months from now? Look around you! Vast fields of human souls are ripening all around us, and are ready now for reaping.

✓ Too discouraged to look on the lost.

John 4:35 NASU

...lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.

The Jesus Plan Go To The Thirsty

Giving living water to the thirsty...

1. Choose to go to the lost.

John 4:4 NKJV

But He needed to go through Samaria.

John 4:27 NIV

Just then His disciples returned and were surprised to find Him talking with a woman.

But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

2. Connect by finding common ground.

John 4:7 NLT

Soon a <u>Samaritan woman came to draw water</u>, and Jesus said to her, "Please give Me a drink."

1 Corinthians 9:22 TLB

Yes, whatever a person is like, <u>I try to find common ground</u> with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.

3. Communicate the Good News of Jesus.

Colossians 4:5 CEV

When you are with unbelievers, always make good use of the time.

John 4:42 NKJV

we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.

4. Collaborate with the Holy Spirit.

John 4:17-19 NLT

17 "I don't have a husband," the woman replied.

Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband— 18 for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!"

19 "Sir," the woman said, "you must be a prophet."

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