**Harvest Strategy**

Part 2: The What (continued)

**Read John 4:4-26**

*****4Now he had to go through Samaria. 5So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. 7When 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.)*

*9The 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.) 10Jesus 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? 12Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?” 13Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14but 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.”*

*15The 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.” 16He 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. 18The 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. 20Our 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. 22You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23Yet 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. 24God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”*

*25The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” 26Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”*

1. Discuss with the people around you what we can learn from Jesus about how he specifically shared Law and Gospel (sin and grace) with the Samaritan woman.

Law – *You need eternal life (water) / wasn’t afraid to speak it / God specific / awakened a need*

Gospel – *pointed her to himself / let her talk first / answered her question / fulfilled the need*

1. Create a list of regular, everyday conversation starting points with families in your school, preschool, or community.

*Which of these little ones is yours? / What do you do? / What brought you to St. John’s? / What’s yours story? / What’s something that’s going on in your life right now?*

1. Building off of #2, now create a list of conversation transitions. How will you turn those regular, everyday conversation into faith conversations?

*How are they liking the Bible lessons? / Listen for needs!*

1. Identify specific times or occasions that present great opportunities for faith conversations with the families in your school, preschool, or community.

*Big events at church and meals / field trips (divers and chaperones) / BIC (doesn’t have to be just for nonmembers!) / pick up and drop off times / sporting events*

1. Discuss the following questions with the people around you.
2. What are the current ways we are communicating with our school and preschool families? What, if any, are some ways we can do a better job of communicating with them regularly?

Current: Email / class dojo (phone app) / leopard tracks / teachers face to face / home visits / class letters

Possible new methods: Assigning members to school families / families / Facebook / involve kids in leopard tracks / pastor emails and letters / pick up and drop off face to face / invite them to more church events (not just the ones with their kids involved)

1. What are some current ways we are connecting our school and preschool families with the Means of Grace (the gospel in Word and Sacrament)? What, if any, are some ways we can do a better job of connecting them to those Means?

*Current: BIC (sort of…) / church services (kids sing play bells) / chapel / memory work / religion homework*

*Possible new methods: Push BICS way more / church services without kid participation / chapel (involve kids with prayers?) / sermon series for Sundays with visitors / Baptismal Sunday? / weekly pastor’s challenge? / survey for Bible study topics?*

