JOHN 4 – JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

John 4:4 – “now He had to go through Samaria”

1) He HAD to go there to illustrate a principle – people are not to be judged by what they are on the ____________________.

2) Jesus also HAD to go through Samaria because there was a woman there who needed Him! Christ teaches us not to overlook the significance and importance of the ____________________. (March 3 sermon, “Hello, my name is Christopher.”)

This phrase is used by John to mean God’s _____________ and _____________ were involved. As you go through your day, pay attention to God’s voice.

It may well be that the “interruptions” to your plans were actually GOD’S PLAN for you that day!!

v. 6 – Jesus was ________________ from the journey. This shows His humanity.

God can use the most ordinary of our circumstances to reach others. (May 19 sermon, Capernaum, “Miracles in the Mundane”.)

v. 7,9 - Jesus elevates the place of _________________.

v. 7, 11 –Jesus showing His _________________, and asking for ____________________.

V. 10, 13,14 - Living water – there were 2 ways this phrase was used: 1) a running stream of water, which was preferred over well water; 2) spiritual thirst.  There is a thirst in the human soul that can only be met by Christ.

Ps. 42:1 – “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, my God.”

Isa. 12:3 – “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.”

Rev. 22:1 – The river of life, flowing from the throne of God

Jer. 17:13 – the Lord is the spring of living water

The invitation of Isa. 55:1 -“come, all you who are thirsty. Come to the waters”

Christianity is discovering the Truth, and then telling others!

v. 34 – The key is to be obedient to the Father. – Great Commission – (Matt. 28:19,20) “AS YOU ARE ________________, make disciples.” In the daily traffic pattern of your life.

v. 35 - We must see our world with harvest eyes.

v. 36-38 – Remember that evangelism is a ____________________, involving more than me!

I Cor. 3 - 5 What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. 6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.8 The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. 9 For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building.

If you study how people come to faith in Christ, you will learn that there’s a process. You could put it this way: in the process of someone finding Christ, there are people who cultivate the soil; people who sow the seed; people who water the seed; and people who reap the harvest.