

Human Touch

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read John 4.1-42

27 *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?'*

28 *Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, **29** 'Come, see a man who told me everything I've ever done. Could this be the Messiah?' **30** They came out of the town and made their way towards him.*

- v7. *'Will you give me a drink?'* Jesus made himself vulnerable to a woman he was trying to reach with good news. Do we project an air of confidence or vulnerability when we share our faith? What would 'vulnerable evangelism' look like in our situations?
- v10. *'If you knew...'* Dave talked about the way Jesus used intrigue rather than formula to draw the woman to faith. When we share our faith with others are they more often intrigued than irritated? What can we learn from Jesus' approach?
- v17. *'You are right when you say you have no husband.'* Have you ever had an experience where God's spirit showed up in a conversation with a non-church person? What do you think are the keys to seeing more of the supernatural in our good news sharing?
- v35. *'I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.'* Do you believe that there is a 'ripe harvest' of people coming to faith where you are – in your work, in your street, in your family, in your peer group and friendship groups? If not, why not? Do we need to look with better eyes? (Check out 2 Corinthians 5.16-20 for an interesting take on things.)
- v29. *'Come, see a man...'* What church events could we imagine inviting others to 'come, see'? A social event, a church service, an Alpha Course, a Christmas Carol Service? Who will you specifically invite to something this term?

Pray together in twos and threes for the Spirit of Jesus to empower you to share his good news. Pray for confidence and boldness, for God to give you His Spirit and His words in His time. Pray specifically for one or two individuals that you can invite to 'come, see'. Pray that God would prepare their hearts to receive the message. Pray for opportunities to intrigue and for strength to be vulnerable. Pray that God would open your eyes to see a ripe harvest.