

LESSON 4

POINTING THE WAY

JOHN 3:1—4:42



1 When was the last time you had to convince someone of something?

2 What was your approach?



Read John 3:1—4:42, Nicodemus's Profile, and the following notes:

☐ 3:1 ☐ 3:3 ☐ 3:16 ☐ 3:19–21 ☐ 3:25ff ☐ 3:26 ☐ 4:4
☐ 4:5–7 ☐ 4:15 ☐ 4:35 ☐ 4:39

3 What do we learn about Nicodemus from this passage?

4 What do we learn about John the Baptist?

5 What do we learn about the Samaritan woman?

6 Compare Jesus' discussion with Nicodemus with his discussion with the Samaritan woman.



7 Summarize the gospel message as found in this section.

John the Baptist pointed his disciples to Jesus. Understanding the role God had called him to play in the Kingdom, John gave his complete loyalty and support to Jesus. John is an excellent example of humility and single-minded devotion. Jesus pointed his disciples to a ripe harvest. For a group of men who were at that time thinking only about food, Jesus' call to reach a lost world had to be convicting. Jesus modeled what he said by pointing both Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman to faith in God. The Scriptures still point us, as Christ's disciples today, to reach a lost world.

8 What individuals come to mind when you read Jesus' words "ready now for the harvest" (4:35)?



9 What happens to a person who dies without Christ?

10 How is the daily life of a nonbeliever different from that of a believer?

11 What difference does knowing Christ make in your life?

12 What slows you down or stops you from sharing your faith with others?

13 Whom will you pray for this week about his or her need to find Christ?



14 List two or three steps you can take this week to begin pointing this person to Christ.

A What evidence for Jesus' deity does John appeal to in these verses?

B How does a person become born again? How would you explain this event to your friends?

C How do we know that God loves us? How can we show his love to others? How can we sow for Christ? How can we reap?

D Why did Christ come to earth?

E What happened as a result of Jesus' talking with the Samaritan woman?

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