**Believe and Live part 2 – Friend of Sinners John 4**

**Leader’s Notes**

**HOOK**

**If you could stay one age of life forever, what age would you choose? If you could choose to stay one age or grow older, which would you choose?**

**Have you known any people that you were surprised came to faith in Christ?**

**BOOK/LOOK**

**Read John 4:4-29**

**What barriers did Jesus overcome to present the Gospel to the Samaritan woman? (**Geographical barrier – he was willing to enter enemy territory; gender differences – he risked his reputation by talking to a woman; racial/religious barriers – Samaritans were half breeds, not considered true Jews, certainly outside the true faith; world view differences – different traditions in Samaria; tiredness – Jesus was tired but placed more value on the woman’s salvation than his own comfort.)

**What did Jesus do that made his evangelistic approach effective? (**He established a mutual interest in conversation – water; he relied on the Spirit; he offered a word of knowledge about the woman; he wasn’t repelled by her sinfulness; he didn’t get side tracked; he revealed who He really is – the Messiah)

**Read 4:35.**

**Who do you know may be close to becoming a Jesus follower? What groups seem to be the most open to hearing about Christ?**

**How does our perspective about spiritual openness impact our readiness to engage in evangelism? (**If the harvest is ripe, its easier to be eager to share Christ with others)

**Read 4:39-42.**

**What was the impact of Jesus on the Samaritan woman and her city?** (She became a believer. Many others became believers through her testimony and hearing Jesus for themselves.)

**TOOK**

**With whom do you most identify in this story?** (Jesus, Samaritan woman, disciples, Samaritan town person) **Why?**

**Whose conversion testimony had a big impact in your spiritual life?**

**What have been the biggest changes in your life since coming to faith in Christ?**

**Are there any unbelievers you have felt God nudging you to befriend? Who?**

**Prayer – Pray for needs expressed in your small group. Pray also for the salvation of those unbelievers who can be impacted by the testimonies of your small group and our church.**