

REACH: GO With Jesus!

Intro

Our theme this year is GO FIRST! Last year we learned how to REACH the lost, the broken and the hurting. This year we will build upon that foundation to become people of great faith and boldness. In order to learn how to GO FIRST we must first study the greatest One of them all: Jesus Christ.

1. In His Footsteps

KEY VERSE: **Matthew 28:19**, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”*

Jesus was a man of action, wisdom and momentum. When He started His ministry, He never stopped. While He stopped for some water, His life was a revelation to the Samaritan woman. Even while on the cross, His life was a testimony to the thief on the cross (Luke 23:42).

We need to follow His footsteps and GO FIRST!

2. GO!

Leader's Note: Summarize the encounter with the Samaritan Woman, John 4:5- 42.

- **It cost Jesus something to witness to this woman.**
 - He was placing His life and ministry in a place where His culture would condemn His actions. For how could a Jew speak to a woman? How could a Jew speak to a *Samaritan* woman?
 - The Samaritan woman was someone Jesus should not even talk to as she was a Samaritan, a woman, a divorced woman, and a woman who was living with a man that was not her husband.

- Everything said this woman was unreachable to Jesus but yet Jesus reached out to her and she was changed by Him.

Leader's Note: Share a story from your life where you shared the Gospel to someone and saw their life radically changed. If there is time, ask a few of your members to share as well.

○ **Jesus was full of radical faith to GO to this woman.**

- Radical faith is seeing the future in the present and calling it forth, no matter the cost.

- **Hebrews 11:1**, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen..."

■ **What Jesus saw:**

- Jesus saw the Samaritan woman as a woman in need of Salvation.
- He saw a woman who would be so changed by her encounter that she would become the FIRST woman evangelist.
 - **John 4:39**, "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did."
- Jesus saw that her life would inspire her community and us thousands of years later.

● **What does Jesus see when He looks at You?**

Leaders Note: Ask your group to close their eyes and ask Jesus to show them what He sees when He looks at them.

Ask:

- What inspires you about Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman?
- What inspires you from the Samaritan woman's life?
- What are some ways you could GO FIRST this week at school or work?
- What are some ways that you could GO outside your comfort zone for God?

It is time to GO into all the world.

- Take a moment and ask God who you need to GO to with the Gospel.
- Write their names down.
- Ask God for supernatural strategies to reach them with the Gospel.

Prayer

- Pray for the boldness to GO and share the good news.
- Pray for the people God has told you to GO to with the Gospel
- Pray for your surrounding community to be reached with the Gospel.
- Pray for people to become followers of Jesus. Pray for a release of a servant's heart of love for all those around them.

Action

- Go and speak to the person/people that God has shown you today.