

# Evangelising through Befriending

*John 4.1-42*

## Two difficulties

- *few non-Christian friends*
  - *cultivate outside interests*
- *not interested in the Gospel*
  - *pray for natural opportunities*

## Two key passages

- *pray for God-given openings*
  - see and seize them Col 4.2-6*
- *be ready to know what to say*
  - answers for enquirers 1Pet 3.15-16*

*Jesus, our great example:*

### 1. A Deep Inner Conviction, v4

- *the right way to go - born of prayer*
  - Mark 1.35; John 8.29*

### 2. Contact with Key Individual, vs 5-6

- *the right place, time, and person*

### 3. Ask Others for Help, v7

- *where to start – ask for help*  
*beware of self-sufficiency*  
*dependency builds friendship*

### 4. Gain a Hearing through

#### Arousing Curiosity, vs 5-9

- *unusual actions provoke questions*

### 5. Create a Hunger for More, vs 10-12

- *“if only you knew ...” move from*  
*the physical to the spiritual*

### 6. Be an Eye-Opener, vs 13-15

- *something better on offer*  
*ultimate satisfaction Jer 2.13*

### 7. Morality Matters to God, vs16-18

- *lead people to recognise their sin*

### 8. Spiritual Discernment needed, 17-19

- *for spiritual breakthroughs 1Cor12.8*

### 9. The Heart of the Matter, vs19-26

- *our relationship with God v26,42*  
*through Jesus as King, Saviour*