

Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 13 December 2020

Winning Souls - Jesus' Way

John 4:4 - 41

Jesus spent a considerable period of time talking to the unnamed Samaritan woman at the well near the village of Sychar on His way back to Galilee. He was tired and hungry but seized the opportunity for the conversation despite knowing that it was a taboo during that era for a Jew to speak to a Samaritan woman. But the result of the conversation was that this woman despite being loathed by the villagers due to her immoral living testified to the villagers that she had met Jesus who knew everything about her and had revealed His identity as their long-awaited Messiah.

What did Jesus do to convince the Samaritan woman to believe in Him? Jesus began to foster a rapport with the woman through a casual chat. He revealed the condition of her needs. He proceeded to plant God's truth in reply to her question about the worship of God. This brought enlightenment to her and it was at this opportune moment that Jesus revealed His identity. She readily believed and accepted Jesus as the Messiah. Her testimony brought many villagers to believe in Jesus too and Jesus had to stay with them for a few days nurturing them in the faith.

This episode reveals the method of Jesus in winning souls for the Kingdom of God. It begins with cultivating a friendship, planting the seed of God's truth, challenging the hearer to respond to the Truth of God and nurturing the believer to walk in the new found faith. Let us follow Jesus' way of winning souls into the Kingdom of God; it works!

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Prayer Pointers

1. Pray that the Faith members involved in the "12 Days to Christmas" will be filled with the compassion of Jesus Christ to participate in the outreach work and that the outreach efforts will continue after the Christmas season.
2. Pray that the Lord will grant success to the Faith members and small groups that are intentionally reaching out to their pre-believing friends with the Gospel of Jesus Christ during this period.
3. Pray that the small groups will make time to visit and engage the lonely people in the AAB project during this "12 Days to Christmas" outreach initiative and that they will be a channel of blessings to the residents.
4. Pray that those who have been visited and connected by our small groups and Faith members will be convicted by the Holy Spirit to believe and accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord.
5. Pray for a good harvest of souls into the Kingdom of Light through the initiative of the "12 Days to Christmas", that the small groups and Faith members involved in this project will experience the Presence of the Lord in their midst and that they will enjoy the fellowship with one another in the course of serving together.

We Are Here For You!

- Perhaps you are going through a challenging time, and you need someone to pray with you, our pastoral team is here and ready to journey with you.
- Even though we may not be able to be with you in person, we can still reach you via telephone and other means.
- You may submit any Prayer Requests online via our church website at <https://www.faithmc.sg/care-help/prayer-requests/>.