

## Series: The Sent Ones

Part Four: Ready As You Are – Part I

Sunday November 5, 2017

1. *Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age* (Mt. 28:19-20).

2. John 4:1-42: The Invitation of the Samaritan Woman.

- invite someone to church
- invite someone to a Christian concert, ie. Phil Keaggy, Symphony of Hymns, Handel's Messiah
- invite someone to a Christ-themed/values-based movie
- invite someone to a play at Gallery 7 Theatre

3. John 9: The Testimony of the Blind Man.

- Positional Stories
- Progressive Stories

4. What was the state of your life before you met Jesus: sad, addicted, lonely, depressed, lost, confused, stagnant, dishonest, corrupt, immoral, selfish?

5. What caused you to come to Jesus: the influence of a friend or family member or pastor, a concert or church service or movie, a crisis, a camp experience, a TV show, sickness, loss?

6. How did your life change with Jesus: joy, purpose, fruitfulness, friendships, guidance, forgiven, broken addictions, clean, alive, involved, growing, hopeful, thankful?

7. Does FAITH work?

8. Luke 5:27-31: The Interpersonal Style of Levi.

- build friendships
- throw parties
- journey with people

## Study Notes for Personal and Group Reflection

### DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever filled out a gifts or personality or strengths profile? What did you learn about yourself? How would you describe yourself in terms of personality and strengths?

2. What impact do you think giftedness, personality, and strengths might have on how we share the gospel with others?

3. Do you think God works with our gifts, personality, and strengths to reach others or do you think that we need to become someone/something else on the basis of some training?

### BIBLE

4. Read John 4:39-42. It's easy to imagine Jesus having the effect He did on these Samaritans – because He's Jesus! How can we point people to Jesus these days?

5. Read John 9: 25. IF you were to fill in these blanks (relating them to your experience of Jesus Christ) – what would be in the blanks:

"I was \_\_\_\_\_ but now I \_\_\_\_\_."

6. Read Luke 5:27-31.

a. Why do you think Levi "*got up, left everything and followed him* (Jesus)?"

b. What does Christ mean in v. 31? How would you describe yourself: healthy or sick, righteous or sinner?

c. What kinds of parties could you throw to build friendships?

### APPLICATION

7. Invite someone(s) to church or a concert or a movie or a play.

8. Listen to the Spirit for an open door to share your positional or a progressive faith story with a family member or friend this week.

9. Do something this week that intentionally builds into a long-held friendship.