

Principles of Multiplication, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Most of our communication is nonverbal.
- B. How we respond to people makes all the difference regarding impact.
- C. We can learn how to respond in difficult situations.
- D. Text: John 4.

II. There are five things about the Samaritan woman that would have been true of society in general.

- A. The woman was lonely. Jesus surprised her by talking with her.
- B. The woman was ignorant. Many do not know who Christ is—they make faulty decisions based upon ignorance.
- C. The woman was thirsty. People will do anything to fill up the void in their lives.
- D. The woman was sinful. Jesus wants to deal with sin in our lives.
- E. The woman was “religious.”

III. The disciples.

- A. The disciples had food on their minds, but this was not their mission.
- B. Our priorities must be in balance. The major focus of our life should not be resources.

IV. Jesus.

- A. Jesus' food was to do God's work.
- B. Jesus could finish His work because it was His food to do it. (John 17:4)
- C. We must plan to finish.
- D. Jesus lived for people and we ought to as well.

Application questions:

1. Who best represents the position of life you are in right now? Explain.

2. How do you struggle to maintain focus on God and the mission?

3. How would you counsel someone seeking to fill the void in his or her lives in light of the message?
