

The Samaritans and The Galileans Outline: (John 4:39-45)

I. Witness to the Samaritans (vv.39-42)

- The effective testimony of the Samaritan woman (vv. 29,39)
- The simplicity of the Samaritan woman's testimony
- The eagerness of the Samaritans to hear the words of Jesus (v.40)
- The effectiveness of Jesus' words (v.41)
- The personal testimony of the Samaritans (v.42)
 - "Heard" the word and came to faith
 - "Knew" the truth when they "heard" it and by it were made free
 - The revelation of Christ to the Samaritans

II. Reception by the Galileans (vv.43-45)

- Jesus completes his journey to Galilee (v.43)
- A prophet in his own country
 - Jesus made a proclamation
 - Jesus prophesied about being a prophet
- The reception of the Galileans
 - Based on what they had previously "seen"
 - Based on what Jesus had "done" in Jerusalem at the feast
 - The miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11)
 - "Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing." (John 2:23)

The Samaritans (John 4:39-43 NASB) and The Galileans (John 4:43-45 NASB)

39 From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I have done."

40 So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

41 Many more believed because of His word;

42 and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."

43 After the two days He went forth from there into Galilee.

44 For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

45 So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves also went to the feast.

The Samaritans & The Galileans: Handout (John 4:39-45 NASB)

1. What was the initial reason for the belief that the Samaritans had in Jesus? _____
2. What was said to make the Samaritans believe?

3. Read: John 4:29 & 4:39
 - a. "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?" (John 4:29 NASB)
 - b. From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I have done." (John 4:39 NASB)
 - i. What was left out when they repeated her words was the most important part of what she had said...

 - ii. What stood out in their minds?

 - iii. The invitation: "Come see a man..."
 - iv. The revelation: "...this is not the Christ, is it?" (NASB) *or* "...could this be the Christ?" (NKJV)
4. Who came to who? Did Jesus come to them? (v.40)

5. What is significant about what the Samaritans "were asking" Jesus? (v.40)

Samaritan Check List:

Were they hungry? ____ Were they thirsty? ____ Were they blessed? ____

Read:

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. (Matthew 5:6 NASB)

6. Read:

- a. "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."
(Matthew 7:7-8 NASB)

- b. "I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd. (John 10:16 NASB)

- c. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me." (Revelation 3:20 NASB)

I wonder how much sleep Jesus got that night???

7. "Many more believed because of His word;" (v.41)

a. Read: (Romans 10: 11-21)

b. Notice anything different in the way that Jesus was received by the Samaritans, compared to how He was received by the Jews?

8. "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe..." (v.42)

a. What had happened to the people of Samaria since first hearing of Jesus from the woman at the well?

b. What was the key factor that made the difference?

c. Does salvation come to an individual by what others "hear" and "believe"? (*No grandchildren, Nieces or Nephews...Just Sons and Daughters*)

d. It would seem that what the Samaritans "heard" had more of an impact on what they "believed" and on them as a people, than the "signs" that the Jews had "seen" had on them as a people.

e. What revelation did the Samaritans come to realize and proclaim about Jesus and who He is?

9. "After the two days He went forth there into Galilee." (v.43)

a. Jesus was supposed to be in Galilee before now (or was He?), but he took a "detour" that was the best thing that ever happened to

the woman at the well and the Samaritans. Was this by chance?

- b. Read: (John 2:24-25, Acts 17:26-28) What does this say about the sovereignty of God?

10. "For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor..." (v.44)

- a. Read: (Matthew 13:53-58) What does this mean?

- b. Why did the Galileans receive Jesus? The Galileans _____ Him, having _____ all the things that He _____ in Jerusalem at the feast...

- c. What was the difference between how the Samaritans received Jesus and how the Galileans received Jesus? (v.42)

Q&A:
