



Called to Testify

Lesson Overview

Week of February 7

1 Life Need:

Discuss people's need for Jesus in your community.

2 Bible Learning

Study how the Samaritan woman told people about Jesus.

Suggested Material:

■ *Adult Teacher's Resource Kit*: Poster and Reproducible Sheet—Women in the New Testament

3 Bible Application

Consider the urgency to tell non-Christians about Jesus.

Suggested Material:

■ *Adult Teacher's Resource Kit*: Reproducible handout—The Examples of Margaret and Debbie

4 Life Response

Tell someone about Christ this week.

Church/Home Theme:
Christ Jesus Is Our Savior

Lesson Focus:

Ask Jesus to reveal Himself to your community through your witness.

Lesson Scripture:
John 4:25-42

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman—The history of the Samaritans can be traced back to Israel's northern 10 tribes who flagrantly disobeyed God. Eventually, the Assyrians captured and exiled most people from these 10 tribes in 722 B.C. (2 Kings 17). The remaining two southern tribes, Benjamin and Judah, hated and rejected their remaining northern brothers because the Assyrians moved Gentile people into the north, and those Gentiles intermarried with the remaining Israelites. That hatred lasted into Jesus' day. He, however, still cared for the Samaritans. By showing compassion to a Samaritan woman, Jesus drew a part of this hated group back to the Father. After one meeting with the Messiah, the Samaritan woman became one of God's precious vessels to pour out His love and truth to the Samaritans. Through her testimony, many became believers in Christ.

Jesus Revealed His Identity—In the course of the conversation with the woman, Jesus eventually revealed His true identity. He convinced her that He was the Christ, the anticipated Messiah. He told her personal details about her life. He spoke to those empty places within her heart and promised to fill them with Himself. She placed her faith in His words. She returned to her village and told the men about Christ. God used her testimony, and many people came out to the well to meet Jesus.

Do God's Will—After the Samaritan woman returned to the city, Jesus' disciples encouraged Him to eat the food they brought, but He replied, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of" (John 4:32, KJV). The men were puzzled. Where did He get food? Then He went on to explain that doing God's will was His nourishment.

Work in God's Fields—Jesus gave them a picture of harvest fields ready for reaping. In this picture, Jesus was referring to the Samaritans, who were an unlikely delegation to receive Jesus' message. The Savior demonstrated to His disciples, through His conversation with the Samaritan woman, that people are ready to listen. God has placed a vacuum in the heart of every person that only He can fill. They want to hear about the Lord. All God needs is a faithful worker to proclaim the truth. One woman sharing her testimony enlightened an entire city. One faithful Christian sharing the Gospel can make a huge difference in many lives.

As Your Students Arrive

Before class, write the letters of the acrostic word S-H-A-R-E across a board or large sheet of paper. As students enter the classroom, ask them to provide an action verb that describes a

way in which they can share the Gospel with a person who isn't a follower of Christ. The first letter of the verb must begin with one of the letters in the word S-H-A-R-E: Answers might include: Speak for S; Help for H; Acquaint for A; Represent for R; and Entertain for E. As you write their answers below the appropriate letter, ask them to briefly explain their answers such as "Acquaint" themselves or "Represent" the character of Christ.

Link to Last Week

Let students share about how Christian women influenced them this past week in some way.

1 Life Need

Discuss people's need for Jesus in your community.

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Makayla, we would like for you to join us on our outreach effort," said Sister Sonya.

"Me?" asked the 20 year old, wondering what she had to contribute. Central Community Church had moved into the neighborhood seven months ago. They had held several block parties during the summer months. The church was planning a Valentine's Day Saturday night event and was inviting the neighborhood. Makayla had joined the church because of one of the church's previous block parties.

"You have a testimony to share with people," Sister Sonya said, breaking into Makayla's thoughts. "Be in prayer, Makayla, before we go out next week."

Makayla talked to the Lord about making her a good witness for Him. "Help me. I don't know what I'm doing," she had prayed.

When Makayla went with her small group to knock on doors, she felt a burning sensation. The third house the group came to, the single mother asked them inside. The woman had three teenagers. After the postcards were given and the invitations extended, one of the woman's daughters made a quip about church people.

Makayla then shared about her experience with Central Community Church, and more importantly, with Christ. Makayla disclosed how her previous life was full of sin and heartache. "Choosing to follow Christ was the best decision of my life," Makayla said to a silent, listening room.

1. *In what ways do you see your community being ripe for listening to the Gospel?*
2. *Do you think the number of nonbelievers is growing in your community? Why or why not?*
3. *Are you excited about sharing the good news about Jesus to those who are not His followers? Explain your answer.*

LESSON FOCUS: Ask Jesus to reveal Himself to your community through your witness.

Form small groups to discuss **Questions 1, 2, and 3** in the study book.

Question 1 asks class members to relate their observations of people in their community who display a need for Christ in their lives. Examples might include a fellow student or worker who is grieving over a loss of a loved one, a neighbor who is coping with financial troubles, or a family member or a friend who is experiencing a relational crisis.

With Question 2, encourage students to talk about the alarming signs in their society that indicate a growing presence of non-Christian attitudes and views. Here, students might mention popular films and television programs, the language used in public conversations, and the lowering of ethics at school or at work.

Students' response to Question 3 will vary widely from a driving passion to share the Gospel to a regrettable indifference to people's need for Christ. Understandably, those who possess such zeal will be more forthcoming with their answers while those who lack such zeal will be reticent to volunteer their thoughts. Therefore, mention how an abundance of responsibilities or one's own deeply stressful trouble can make it challenging for any Christian to evangelize. And so, ask how such hurdles can be overcome.

2 Bible Learning

Study how the Samaritan woman told people about Jesus.



Jews regarded the Samaritans as spiritually inferior because of their mixed race heritage. Therefore, when the Samaritans acknowledged Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and Jesus

blessed their conversions, His disciples were dumbfounded.

On the poster sheet, read the second paragraph, then on the poster note the photo of Jacob's Well as it looked in the 1930s inside a Greek Orthodox church, plus the painting of the Samaritan woman meeting Jesus.

THE SAMARITAN WOMAN'S TESTIMONY

Read John 4:25-30, and highlight these key points

BIBLE EXTRA

Those Hated Samaritans

In Jesus' day, the Holy Land had three major provinces: Galilee to the north, Samaria in the central highlands, and Judea to the south. Many Jews would not enter Samaria because they believed that they would be defiled if they had any contact with the region's inhabitants.

The mutual hatred between these two people groups can be traced back several hundred years before Jesus. For instance, in 722 B.C., the Assyrian Empire defeated the northern kingdom of Israel and deported most of the Israelites to other parts of their realm. The Israelites who remained intermarried with foreigners. Out of these marriages came a religion that mixed the worship of Yahweh with that of other pagan deities (2 Kings 17:23-41). Later, in 539 B.C., when the Jews returned to Jerusalem from Babylonian captivity, they encountered Samaritans who were hostile to them and their religion (Ezra 4:1-5; Neh. 4:1-5).

The hatred between the Jews and Samaritans continued for centuries. The Jews that lived north of Samaria often traveled east of the Jordan River to avoid going through Samaria on their way to Jerusalem. Also, to be called a "Samaritan" was the worst form of insult (John 8:48).

By the first century A.D., the Jews and Samaritans had cultivated and nurtured a deep, mutual hostility toward one another (Luke 17:51-56). However, it was the Father's will and plan that compelled the Son to break with convention, enter Samaria, and stop at Sychar.

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The Samaritan Woman's Testimony

John 4:25-30, KJV

25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

27 And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, 29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

John 4:25-30, NIV

²⁵The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

²⁷Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

²⁸Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹"Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" ³⁰They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

Jesus' meeting with the woman from Samaria at Jacob's well would have raised eyebrows in the Jewish culture of the first century A.D. (John 4:4-7). First, no respectable rabbi ever conversed with a woman in public. Second, no rabbi would ever have allowed himself to associate with a Samaritan, because of the intense hatred between Jews and Samaritans. Third, no rabbi would have consciously allowed himself to be anywhere near a woman of questionable morals.

But Jesus broke these taboos. In fact, through the metaphor of water, Jesus even assured the woman that she could quench her inner thirst by trusting in Him for eternal life (vss. 9-24).

Upon hearing the truths Jesus spoke, the Samaritan woman started to wonder whether He was more than a prophet. The woman voiced the hope of both Samaritans and Jews—namely,



Further commentary on this Scripture passage can be found on pp. 825-827 in *The Wiersbe Bible Commentary: New Testament*.

as you discuss the Scripture:

- When Jesus encountered the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus entered into a conversation with her by first asking for a cup of water.
- It was Jesus' way of getting her to think about the promised Messiah, who would quench people's spiritual thirst, as well as revealing Himself to be the Christ.
- It was then that Jesus' disciples approached them and were shocked that their master was conversing with a Samaritan woman, though they did not express their amazement.

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that the Messiah would come. At this point, Jesus directly told the Samaritan woman that He was the Messiah.

Just then, Jesus' disciples returned with some food (see vs. 8). They were astonished to discover the Savior talking in public to the Samaritan woman. Yet, His disciples had been with Him long enough to know not to interrogate their Master.

Meanwhile, the woman abandoned her jug of water at the well and hurried back to the village. She seemed thrilled that Jesus was able to tell her everything she ever did (a slight overstatement) and still talk with and accept her. The woman did not say to her peers, "I have found the Redeemer," but asked humbly, "Could this be the Messiah?"

The woman's indirect approach aroused the interest of the Samaritans. By simply relating what had happened, the woman generated considerable interest. A large number of residents from Sychar responded to the woman's invitation.

4. *What did the Samaritan woman claim would take place when the Messiah arrived?*

5. *What surprised Jesus' disciples when they came back?*

The Disciples' Opportunities for Evangelism

John 4:31-38, KJV

31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?

34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up

John 4:31-38, NIV

³¹Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something."

³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about."

³³Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?"

³⁴"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.

³⁵"Don't you have a saying, 'It's

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Ministers as Partners

In John 4:37-38, Jesus used a farming analogy to refer to the work of evangelism. Similarly, in 1 Corinthians 3:5-9, Paul used agricultural imagery to refer to ministers of the Gospel as partners. Specifically, God appointed the apostle, as a pioneering missionary, to plant seeds—in essence, to establish new churches. In contrast, Apollos, as a gifted teacher, had been called to water the planted seeds—in essence, to help existing churches grow and mature.

Paul and Apollos were fellow workers striving for the same goal. Yet, beyond the labors of either minister was the work of the Holy Spirit, who was ultimately responsible for enabling the Church to take root, grow, and thrive. So, God's children, as His bondservants, were co-laborers in field of ministry. This means they toiled together to build up the Body of Christ.

- The woman then rushed into the city to tell the residents that Someone conveyed her past to her and wondered aloud whether He could be the Messiah.
- The Samaritans immediately raced out of the city to meet with Jesus.

SUGGESTED ANSWER TO QUESTION 4

John 4:25 indicates that the Samaritan woman knew much about the coming of the Messiah. She believed that when He came, He would announce and clarify "all things" (KJV) of importance connected with God's gift of salvation. Also, the Messiah would not leave out any vital information that was needed to receive eternal life.

SUGGESTED ANSWER TO QUESTION 5

At first, the Savior's followers had left to buy food in town (John 4:8). When they returned from their excursion, they were shocked to see Jesus conversing

with a Samaritan woman. Doing so broke with the cultural conventions of the day.

THE DISCIPLES' OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVANGELISM

Now read John 4:31-38, and note these ideas in the Scripture:

- During Jesus' dialogue with the Samaritan woman, His disciples had collected food, which they brought to Him.
- Jesus, however, told them that He was sustained by food about which they didn't know.
- After hearing them ask each other whether someone had already provided Him with food, Jesus told them that His food was doing His heavenly Father's will and completing the work God had sent Him to do.
- To make plain what He meant, the Lord compared bringing people into His Father's kingdom by describing such evangelism with harvesting crops, indicating that the harvest was ripe for reaping.
- Indeed, they needed to open their eyes to the harvest of people, which had been sown by others, and reap the crop of men and women for eternal life.

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Wells in the Holy Land

Because the only major perennial rivers in the Holy Land were the Jordan and the Litani, wells were precious sources of water to people who resided far from those rivers. Many of these wells even bore the name of the person who dug them such as Jacob's Well. Moreover, towns often included the Hebrew word for "well," such as the Hebrew words, Ain (En) and B'er. Thus, Endor and Beroth are names of towns with reference to their well.

Low walls usually surrounded these ancient wells, which large stones covered. According to the law of Moses, if the owner failed to cover his well and a domestic animal fell into the well, the owner was bound to pay the owner of the animal the value of that.

- Truly, God will reward both the sower and the reaper, and they will rejoice together at the benefits of their hard labor.

SUGGESTED ANSWER TO QUESTION 6

The disciples knew that Jesus was tired from traveling (John 4:6). This explains why they implored Jesus to eat some food. When He declined their offer, they wondered whether someone else had brought Jesus something to eat.

SUGGESTED ANSWER TO QUESTION 7

In John 4:34, Jesus declared that He was not obsessed with obtaining and hoarding the basic necessities of life. Instead, His time and attention

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your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

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still four months until harvest? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. ³⁸I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.

Previously, Jesus' disciples had left Him weary and hungry (John 4:8). When they returned with the food they had bought, they kept urging their Rabbi to eat. Jesus declined their offer by stating that He had food to eat about which they were unfamiliar. Because His disciples took Him literally rather than figuratively, they misunderstood what He meant.

The Son explained that His nourishment came from doing the will of His Father and accomplishing His redemptive task. A connection exists between work as food and the fruit of one's labor as something to be harvested. In the present case, the eternal harvest would be the Samaritans approaching in the distance (vs. 30). Jesus told His disciples to open their eyes and see the ripe harvest coming toward them.

The Savior urged His followers to look and see that the fields for evangelism were ripe and ready to yield an abundant crop of believers. Both those who sowed the seed of the Gospel and those who reaped the harvest of many converts would be overjoyed that so many were brought to eternal life.

6. *Why were Jesus' followers concerned for His welfare?*
7. *What did Jesus say consumed His time and attention?*
8. *What truth did Jesus clarify by talking about farming?*

were consumed with knowing and undertaking the will of His heavenly Father. Moreover, Jesus was focused on the redemptive work His Father had sent the Son to accomplish.

SUGGESTED ANSWER TO QUESTION 8

Jesus sought to clarify to His disciples the reason for them making the completion of God's will their highest priority. Specifically, the work of evangelizing the lost was great, like a huge field of crops ready to be harvested. Indeed, the task was so expansive that all Jesus' followers had to be ready and available to cooperate in reaching the unsaved with the wonderful news about the Savior (John 4:35-38).

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The Fruit of the Samaritan Woman's Testimony

John 4:39-42, KJV

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.

41 And many more believed because of his own word;

42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

John 4:39-42, NIV

³⁹Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days.

⁴¹And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴²They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

Sychar's residents were amazed that Jesus had such incredible insight into the life of the woman they knew so well. As a result of her testimony, many Samaritans put their faith in Jesus as the Messiah. The villagers were even more impressed with Jesus when they met Him face-to-face. They insisted that He remain with them; Jesus stayed for two days.

This encounter with Jesus became the basis for the Samaritans declaring Him to be not merely a prophet but the "Savior of the world" (vs. 42). The response of the Samaritans to Jesus contrasts with that of the Jews that He came to reach. The Samaritans not only believed that Jesus is the Messiah, but also openly declared so to others.

9. *What impact did the Samaritan woman have on her peers?*

10. *What request did the local residents make to Jesus?*

THE FRUIT OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN'S TESTIMONY

While reading John 4:39-42, note these important points for your class discussion:

- The testimony of the Samaritan woman had a marvelous effect on the Samaritans who heard what she declared about Jesus, for many of them came to believe in Him.

- Moreover, they urged Jesus to remain with them, and He did stay with them for two days.

- Subsequently, even more Samaritans became believers, and their trust in Jesus was deepened because they listened to Jesus' teaching for themselves.

- Indeed, they proclaimed Jesus to be the Savior of the world.

SUGGESTED ANSWER TO QUESTION 9

The Samaritan woman refused to remain silent about her encounter with Jesus. She eagerly told her peers she thought that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah. As a result of the woman's "testimony" (John 4:39, NIV), many of the town's residents trusted in the Son for eternal life.

SUGGESTED ANSWER TO QUESTION 10

The residents of the Samaritan town went out of their way to meet Jesus. And once they did, they began to implore the Messiah to remain with them for a little while longer. Jesus obliged their request by staying with them for "two days" (vs. 40).

3 Bible Application

Consider the urgency to tell non-Christians about Jesus.

This step reminds students that God wants us to constantly be on the alert to share our faith in Christ with those people who are lost without Him. If possible, photocopy this page and give instructions to each group. Make copies of the handout from the Resource Kit for the group using it.

Handout: 'The Examples of Margaret and Debbie'



Read the stories in this handout and discuss the answers to the questions. How can you relate to either one or both of these stories?

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Discussion Group

Read "Ripe for Harvest" and answer **Questions 11, 12, and 13** in the student book. God does not call all of us to serve Him in the exact same way. There are those who plant and those who water and those who harvest—all in our own individual way. Nevertheless, we must all be obedient to His call to serve Him with the spiritual gift He has given us. There are a vast number of blessings that you could relate to such as gaining a lifetime friend with a common spiritual goal and knowing that the Lord is working through them in meaningful ways or helping train spiritually younger believers with our insights and our encouragement.

Skit: The Woman at the Well

Write a script that portrays the incident described in this week's Scripture. As a group, write the dialog of the script. Next, choose one member of your group to direct the skit, and cast the roles of Jesus, the Samaritan woman, two or three townspeople, and two or three disciples. Read or perform the script before the class. Then, discuss how Jesus turned this incident into an opportunity to share the good news about Himself and why Jesus called upon His followers to do the same.

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Ripe for Harvest

When we look at our garden, do we spend more time focusing on the flowers or on the weeds? For many of us, our daily struggles with the weeds often take away our enjoyment of the beauty of the flowers. So too with people in our community. We are so intent on being critical of what's wrong with our society that we forget that the opportunities to share the Gospel with those who are lost are all around us—and truly those opportunities should excite us!

"The way you store up treasure in heaven," said Rick Warren, senior pastor of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California, "is by investing in getting people there." After all, whenever Jesus spoke about monetary treasure, wasn't He actually talking about bringing people into the kingdom of God? Evidently, this was His point in His parable about the talents (see Matt. 25:14-30).

What is clear in Jesus' message is that God reacts strongly to our attitude toward Him when He commands us to serve Him. The first two servants sought to please their master by increasing his wealth while the third servant regarded his master as harsh and demanding, and so, he hoarded what was given him. Hence, the master called the first two servants "good and faithful," but the third servant he called "wicked" and "lazy."

It should be the goal of every Christian to have the Lord say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matt. 25:21, 23). Moreover, it will be exceedingly wonderful when the Lord also says to us, "Come and share your master's happiness" (vss. 21, 23).

- 11.** *How would you like to improve your attitude about sharing Christ with nonbelievers?*
- 12.** *What blessings come to you when people come to the Lord through your efforts?*
- 13.** *In what ways could you teach other Christians to be more effective in their evangelism?*

4 Life Response

Tell someone about Christ this week.

The incident at the well in Samaria was significantly instructive not only for Jesus' disciples but for us as well. Jesus first demonstrated to whom He wanted to reveal His identity, and then He explained why we should spread the Gospel through an easily identifiable illustration about farming. The two pillars of Jesus' earthly ministry are show and tell; that is, His life is a model of how we should live our lives and His teachings are a road map as to what we should do with our lives.

Have your students read "Reaching Others with Christ" in *Comprehensive Bible Study*, write their pledge in their books on an index card, and think about how they will fulfill their pledge. You may want to have students pray aloud or silently for the people to whom they will reach out.

End the lesson with a closing prayer. Ask God to help students see the opportunities they have to share the Gospel with people who lack a relationship with Christ Jesus and to give them the insight and boldness to tell them about their Lord and Savior. Praise God for His love and mercy, which is always seeking to embrace the lost and draw them into His kingdom. Thank Him for giving us this truly rewarding and honored task, and pray for those people whose lives your students touched.

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Reaching Others with Christ

When Jesus encountered the Samaritan woman at the well, He asked her for some water, and then He offered her true, living water. In response, she inquired what is that living water, and He told her that He is that water; moreover, He declared that He is the Messiah. Jesus' disciples were dumbfounded that their master was conversing with a "Samaritan woman," but Jesus told them the crop is ripe for harvest. His message to them, as it is to us, is that there are many people who need Him and we are to share Him with them.

► Write a pledge here to share the Gospel with at least one person this coming week, or write it on an index card. Each day this coming week, if you have shared your faith in Jesus with one or more people, describe the circumstances, explain what prompted you to share, and relate the person's response to your message.

KEY VERSE

And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.
—John 4:39, KJV

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."
—John 4:39, NIV

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK'S LESSON Week of February 8 through February 14

(See *The Quiet Hour* and *Cross devotionals* on these passages.)

Mon. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11—Jesus Appears to Paul.

Tues. John 19:25-30—Present with Jesus at the Cross.

Wed. Mark 16:1-8—Spices Prepared to Anoint Jesus' Body.

Thurs. John 20:1-9—Mary Magdalene Finds Tomb Empty.

Fri. Matthew 28:1-10—Angel Confirms Jesus' Resurrection to Women.

Sat. John 20:19-23—Jesus Appears, Sends Disciples into Ministry.

Sun. Luke 8:1-3; Mark 15:40; John 20:10-18—Mary Magdalene, Faithful Female Disciple.



As the class members are leaving, hand out copies of this week's *Power for Living*. Take or mail copies of *Lesson Leaflet* to those who couldn't be with you today, or send them to those you would like to join your class.

Before Teaching Next Week's Lesson

Before next week, read Luke 8:1-3; Mark 15:40; John 20:10-18. Prior to class, collect two or more pictures of incidents in which the testimony of a person is vital. Examples might include a car accident in which a person will testify who is at fault or robbery in which a person will testify as to the identity of the thief.