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Study Questions

Palm Sunday

Fishing 101

John 4:1-42

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Opening Discussion

1. Have several in the group share how they came to know Jesus as Savior?

What were the circumstances?

Who shared the message?
2. Have several people share an occasion where they had the privilege of leading someone to Christ.

Bible Study

1. Read John 4:1-42. The first step to catching fish is to *find the fish*. What is the significance of John's statement in 4:4?

What might be your "Samaria?"

Are unbelievers most likely to come to you or will you need to go to them?
2. The second step to catching fish is to *use the right bait*. In this case, it was finding out what the Samaritan woman is thirsting for. How does Jesus do this?

What is her real need?

What is the relevance of Jesus' asking her to call her husband?

What do we learn from this?
3. The third step to catching fish is to *get your line in the water*. This means presenting Jesus as the Savior. It is important that our lives be a witness, but at some point, the truth must be spoken. What is the essence of the Gospel message?

4. According to Jesus, is the problem a shortage of fish or a shortage of fishermen? What does this mean?

Are the unbelieving people around you as unconcerned about spiritual things as they may appear at first?

Can anyone really be happy and satisfied without Jesus?

5. What was the result of Jesus revealing Himself as the Savior to this one, seemingly insignificant, woman?

Application

1. Step One: Find the Fish. List three people in your “pond” to pray for.

What might be the first steps toward sharing the Gospel with these three people?

How might they respond to being invited to church?

2. Step Two: Use the Right Bait. How do you identify what bait to use?

What are these unbelievers thirsty for?

3. Step Three: Get Your Line in the Water. What might be some “do’s” and “don’ts” when it comes time to share the truth about Jesus?

What have you learned that is helpful, and what have you learned to avoid?

4. Pray that God will bring a harvest of souls to Christ through your obedience.