**Believing God’s Truth**

*John 4:1-42*

3 reasons why we can believe God’s truth

1. **Because the message is fulfilling**
2. Fulfilling in that it is available to all

**John 4:4**—*And He had to pass through Samaria.*

**John 8:48**—*The Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?”*

**John 4:10**—*Jesus replied to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who is saying to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”*

“See the deadly mischief of ignorance concerning spiritual things? If she had known, she would have asked, and Christ would have given. But the first link was missing and, therefore, the rest of the chain was not drawn on. Sometimes all people need is a little wise instruction, and they will then trust the Savior.”[[1]](#footnote-1)

The mission of Bridgewater Community Church is to glorify God by winning people to Jesus Christ and equipping them to be more faithful disciples.

1. Fulfilling in that it satisfies our deepest need

**John 4:14**—*…but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.*

**Proverbs 13:14**—*The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, to turn aside from the snares of death.*

**John 7:37-39**—*If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, “From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

**John 14:26**—*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.*

1. **Because of the transforming power**
2. Starts with acknowledgement of our sin and the need for repentance

**John 4:16**—*He said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.”*

**Isaiah 55:*6-7****—Seek the Lord while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near.* ***7****Let the wicked abandon his way, And the unrighteous person his thoughts; And let him return to the Lord, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.*

“Jesus did not come to grant sinners perfection in the next life while leaving them to continue in sin in this one” (Jer 7:9-10; Rom. 3:5-8; 6:1-2).[[2]](#footnote-2)

**Romans 3:*23****—for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

1. Continues into a grateful worshipper

**John 4:17-18**—*You have correctly said, “I have no husband”; for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.*

**John 4:19-20**—*The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”*

1. **Because He will accomplish it**

**John 4:32**—*But He said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”*

**Deuteronomy 8:*3****—…man shall not live on bread alone, but man shall live on everything that comes out of the mouth of the Lord.*

**Proverbs 21:1**—*The king’s heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He pleases.*

1. Determine what your diet will be and start feasting
2. Know that there is a harvest to be reaped

**John 4:35-36**—*Do you not say, “There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest”? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.*

1. God brought salvation to this “unlikely” recipient. He continues to do the same today.

**1 Timothy 2:3b-4**—*God our Savior,****4****who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

1. The Spurgeon Study Bible, p.1426 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: John 1-11, p147 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)