

LESSON 8.4: CHALLENGES

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 4:1-42

SUMMARY:

Students have learned a lot through this study! Knowing the answers to defend Christianity is one thing. Communicating them in a loving manner is another. Jesus exemplifies the perfect intersection of grace and truth in this week's lesson. Jesus offers the woman at the well eternal life but He also exposes her sin. Jesus didn't criticize her sinful past. He merely put it out there and left it up to her to resolve on her own.

After this, Jesus let the woman change the subject. This should be a lesson to us not to press others too hard. If conversations naturally flow to spiritual things, great. Otherwise, we will end up alienating the people we want to lead to Christ.

Just as Jesus personally reached out to the woman at the well, so should we reach out to others and accept the various challenges they offer. And we must always strive to be filled with grace and truth, just like Jesus.

CORE VERSES

Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

Colossians 4:5-6

CORE CONCEPTS

God calls us to lovingly speak the truth that transforms lives.

HUMILITY:

Seeing ourselves in an accurate light before God and others

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- Are there still questions you have about your faith?
- How do you prepare before engaging in spiritual conversations?
- How can prayer help you in your conversations?
- Describe your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?