

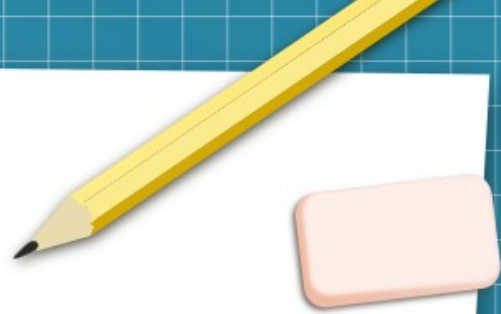


Learning From Jesus

Jesus and People

Conversations

- Evangelism is hard...
- Where do we start?
- Who better to learn from than Jesus himself
- We are sent into the world to be His witness
- Matthew 28:18-20
- Acts 1.8



Who Started The Conversation?



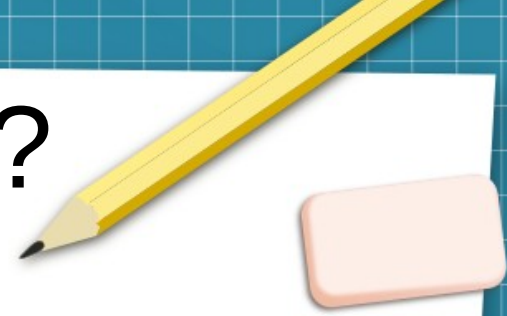
- Jesus initiates the conversation
 - Crippled Beggar (John 5:1-15)
- Other party initiates the conversation
 - Rich young ruler (Matthew 19:16-30)
 - Jairus, a synagogue ruler (Mark 5:21-43)
- Conversation is triggered by third parties
 - An adulterous women brought by scribes (John 8:1-11)

Where Did The Conversation Take Place?



- Majority took place in the workplace
 - James and John (Matthew 4:21-22)
 - Samaritan women (John 4:7-42)
- Many took place in homes
 - Zacchaeus' house (Luke 19:1-10)
- Few were in religious settings, Jesus talked about spiritual issues where they were most comfortable

What Was Discussed?



- Jesus asked questions
 - His mother and brothers (Matthew 12:46-50)
 - Adulterous women (John 8:1-11)
- He connected with people's thoughts and feelings
- Jesus got into their world and made a connection

What Can We Learn From Jesus' Example?



- Jesus knew how to take initiative
- Jesus responded to the initiative of others
- Jesus left room in his schedule for interruptions by those needing help
- Jesus usually met people on their own turf
- Jesus was interested in establishing common ground with others