



# Our Purpose is.... to give glory to God by meeting people where they are

#### AND

sharing Jesus with them in a meaningful way

and encouraging them to live in a growing relationship with Him



#### **Encourage**

Give support, confidence, or hope that they will do or continue to do something

Support: Bear all or part of the weight of; hold up

Confidence: The feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something

Hope: Grounds for believing that something good may happen



#### What do we want to Encourage?

Idea is simple we want to create living, and growing followers of Christ

What's a follower?

A person who moves or travels behind someone or something

(Someone = Jesus)

Relationship





How many times have to heard this?

Remember the testimony was one of the ingredients of the "Good Church"

**Encouraging followers begins with creating followers** 

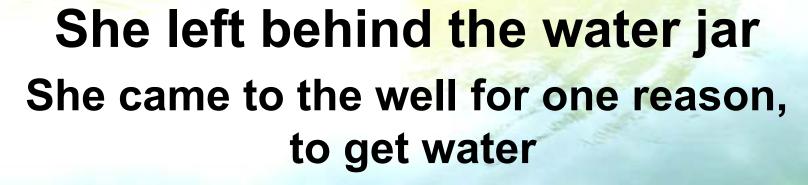
Followers always begins with your testimony



## How Do We Testify..... It's not complicated

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

toward him.



It was a physical need for her

That need did not seem very important anymore

She is gone, but the jar just sits here, unfilled





She was here at the well avoiding people

Her goal was simple get the water, go home

But now she is out there banging on doors, calling the very people she once avoided





She was avoiding her past

Even when Jesus told her to get her husband she tried to skirt the subject

She had no interest in discussing her life

She just wanted that past to be just that, the past

Now she is using her past





Not only is she interested in finding people she has a simple invitation

Come and see the man Such a simple invitation

Because they were curious about her they came



### To Encourage them we must grow them ... We must teach them

So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They 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."



They came and met Jesus
They listened to him

They begged him to stay so they could hear more

As they listened their perspective \*\*changed\*\*



