

## *John 4: Sharing the Gospel Across Cultures, Part 2*

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1. Is it important to talk about people's families? Should this be the first thing we discuss? How did Jesus do it? Why? John 4:12
2. Do you agree that people would rather "argue" religion than witness to their faith? Why? John 4:20
3. We are proud of our denomination and proud of our worship. Are we anxious to have people from different ethnic groups worship in our churches and share in our ministries even if they come to us with different ideas about what "good worship" is? John 4:20-21
4. When we compare our culture with that of other cultural backgrounds, what do we usually talk about first—the differences or the similarities? Why? John 4:20
5. Should our first goal with people from other ethnic backgrounds be to make them as we are as soon as possible? John 4:25
6. True or False: New Christians make the best witnesses. Why? John 4:28-30
7. What would be the fastest way to reach a whole ethnic community? John 4:39-40
8. Why was it important for Jesus to stay with that community for two days? What implication does this have for our ministry? John 4:40-42
9. What should be our priorities and our goals as we seek to reach out to a different ethnic group?

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