# Proclaiming the Resurrected Christ as a Family John 4:1-42

#### 4-13-14

- I. Engage "them."
- II. Accept them <u>as they are.</u>
- III. Build <u>relational bridges</u>.
- IV. Show and share the Gospel!
  - 1. Begin with prayer.

Ezekiel 36:25-27 ....I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

26 Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

### 2. Listen

Proverbs 18:13 "The one who gives an answer before he listens-- this is foolishness and a disgrace for him."

#### 3. Eat with them.

Acts 2:42 "They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

Ecclesiastes 2:24 "There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This ...is from the hand of God."

# 4. Show you care.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 "Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us."

## 5. Share the Gospel Story.

Acts 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Matthew 28:18 "...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

#### **Faith Sheet**

**Transformation Verse** - The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. Psalm 103:8 (NASB)

**Times with the Lord this week** - If you have extra time, look up the cross references with the Transformation Scripture.

# **#1- Reviewing this past Sunday**

- 1. Read John 4:1-42 or pick out a verse if you have small children. Discuss Sunday's message with someone.
- 2. What does it mean to proclaim the Gospel with our lives and words?
- 3. How is your family involved in proclaiming the Gospel together?
- 4. What is God saying to you, and what will be your response?

# # 2- Preparing for next Sunday (Easter) The Freedom That Comes From Knowing Christ Luke 8:26-39

- 1. Read Luke 8:26-39.
- 2. What was wrong with the man living in the tombs?
- 3. How did Jesus show His authority over all that was evil?
- 4. What about the man changed after he met Jesus?
- 5. Read Luke 11:20-22. Why is it important that Jesus is greater than Satan and evil when it comes to salvation and becoming a changed person?
- 6. Discuss what changes have happened in you and your family by knowing Jesus, and then pray for all who will attend this Easter Sunday.