For Deeper Study

- 1. Read John 4:1–42. What does this passage show us about the priorities of the Son of God? (See Luke 15:4–7.)
- 2. What did Jesus say about the Samaritans and God (verse 22)?

What does this tell us about the religions of the world? (See Acts 17:23; 1 Corinthians 10:20; and 2 John 9.)

3. In John 4:16–18, to which commandment was Jesus alluding as He spoke with the woman at the well? (See Romans 7:3.)

According to verse 39, what was the result of her testifying?

Based on this, how can we best imitate Jesus?

BASIC TRAINING COURSE

Words of Encouragement

Over the past few months our student ministry has been putting into practice the scriptural principles from the "Way of the Master" course. We started doing personal evangelism with family, friends and coworkers, then we slowly began witnessing to strangers in public places.

Our church is directly across the street from a junior high and half a block away from a high school. To share the gospel with larger groups of teenagers, we set up signs on our church lawn after school that invite people to take your IQ Test and win a prize. Then we do several public presentations of law and grace. During December we have signs that say "Have you been naughty or nice? Tell us what you think and win a prize!"

We've been able to share the gospel with up to 60 teens in half an hour. More and more students are hearing about sin, judgment, righteousness and the amazing grace of God through Jesus Christ. God has given us many opportunities to preach His message with clarity and boldness. We know that we are being faithful to the one and only gospel of Jesus Christ so any conversions will prayerfully be genuine. A lot of students have given some serious thought to their destiny without Christ.

Thanks for doing the work of evangelists and equipping this little church to preach for Christ. —Joshua R., California

4. Read Daniel 12:3. To what are we to "turn many"?

According to Proverbs 11:4, what delivers us from death?

5. What does the Holy Spirit convict the world of? (See John 16:8.)

What is the relationship among these items?

- 6. Why should we therefore mention the Law (see Romans 7:13)?
- 7. Matthew Henry said, "As that which is straight discovers that which is crooked, as the looking-glass shows us our natural face with all its spots and deformities, so there is no way of coming to that knowledge of sin which is necessary to repentance, and consequently to peace and pardon, but by comparing our hearts and lives with the Law." What is the link between the Law and repentance?

MEMORY VERSE

"Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.""

JOHN 3:3