

# CALLED TO VISION

WEEK 4  
CALLED TO BE A  
WELLSPRING OF SALVATION

connect group notes



## **FOR THE FACILITATOR**

Encourage the group to take turns reading and answering questions. It is best to ask the questions as they appear instead of waiting till the end.

## **TOPIC : Called to Vision - A Wellspring of Salvation**

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## **TIME TO PONDER:**

Many years ago a prophetic word was given to Outlook stating that we will open up a wellspring of salvation to reach people who don't know

Jesus. That we will preach the Gospel to different cultures in our City and around the world.

What do we know about wells? Wells provides water and water produces fruitfulness. In the Old Testament, Isaac re-opened the wells which were dug in the time of his Father Abraham. These wells were however closed by the Philistines after Abraham died. Isaac opened them again and renamed them as his father had.

### *Genesis 26:18*

*Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them.*

If we want to walk in fruitfulness good wells are critical. Jesus came to dig deep wells of salvation. As Jesus was crucified on the cross and pierced with a spear, water and blood flowed

from His body. Jesus was the Living Water poured out for mankind.

*John 7:38*

*Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”*

Satan aims to block up the wellsprings of salvation. He will use busyness and distraction to keep us from digging wellsprings of salvation.

**Question 1: Can you remember the last time you shared your faith with someone?**

**TIME TO DISCUSS:**

Isaac renamed the wells. By naming something we take a step of authority. God asked Adam to

name the animals ie taking authority. We as parents name our children.

Today we are going to name some wells that we as Outlook church are trusting God to open for us.

- **The wellspring of courageously sharing our faith.**

*Acts 1:8*

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

*Acts 2:36-41*

*“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” When the people heard this,*

*they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”*

*Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”...*

*Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

- **Question 2: How difficult do you find it to start a conversation about salvation with someone? Can anyone share some advice on what to say?**
- **The wellspring of belonging**

*Acts 2:42-47*

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

We are surrounded by lonely people. People need to feel like they belong somewhere. Sometimes people need to belong before they believe. We need to build community with people. We do so through using our homes and lives to bring people into community.

- **The wellspring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit**

### *Acts 3:1-9*

*One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.*



*When all the people saw him walking and  
praising God,*

The healing of the beggar made a way for many salvations. We need to rely on the nudge of the Holy Spirit to lead us to people, trusting God to bring them to salvation.

- **A wellspring of prayer**

*Acts 4:29-31*

*Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.*

Prayer resulted in boldness to share the gospel.

**Question 3: Have you ever prayed for an opportunity to share your faith? What happened after you did?**

## **TIME TO REFLECT**

- **A wellspring of follow up and working together to see people coming to Christ**

*Acts 6:5*

*This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.*

When we see people saved, we need people who can disciple them. People who are willing to walk a road with them. God is waiting for us to be prepared to disciple those He sends.

- **The wellspring of obeying the Holy Spirit**

*Acts 8:26-36*

*Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” ....*

*Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they*

*came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?”*

Phillip's obedience opened up a wellspring of salvation into Africa. One man's obedience made the way for many to come to salvation.

- **The wellspring of cross cultural ministry**

*Acts 11:19-21*

*Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.*

God's intention is for ALL people to be saved. We need to ask God to open our eyes to those who are all around us and trust to see them saved.

## **ACTION STEP**

We need to re-open the wells of salvation. We need to pray for boldness and courage and trust the Holy Spirit to lead us to people. Trusting God to bring them to salvation. Are you willing to say to the Lord, here I am use me?