1. **Looking for receptive hearers in unexpected places**
   a) John 4:3-8, 34-35 What difference do you see between the attitude of Jesus and the attitude of His disciples on the outskirts of Sychar?
   b) How did the interaction of Jesus with the woman of Samaria at Jacob’s well impact the people of Sychar? John 4:28-30, 39-42
   c) How did the inhabitants of the city of Samaria respond when the deacon Philip shared with them the truth about Jesus? Acts 8:3-8
   d) What region would be considered “Samaria” in our day? Why must we always remember to look for receptive hearers in Samaria? Acts 1:8.
   e) Give an example from the ministry of Jesus where a receptive hearer was found in an unexpected place.
   f) Share a time when you found a receptive hearer in an unexpected place.
   g) How can we learn to see others with the eyes of Jesus?

2. **Getting past local prejudices**
   a) Matthew 15:21-28 What are your thoughts about this interaction between Jesus and a Canaanite woman from the region of Tyre and Sidon?
   b) Does this Canaanite woman change the attitude of Jesus or is something else going on here?
   c) What local prejudices are evident in the response of some of those who were present when a woman anointed the head of Jesus? Mark 14:3-9
   d) What local prejudices might hinder you from reaching people with the love of Jesus?

3. **Presenting the truth in love**
   a) Ephesians 4:1-3 (see also v.15). Why is it so important to speak the truth in love?
   b) Is speaking the truth in love a skill or a gift?
   c) What are some negatives consequences when we present the truth without love?
   d) How did the apostle Paul describe the believers in Thessalonica? 2 Thessalonians 1:3
   e) Ephesians 4:31-32 How does the counsel of the apostle Paul to Christians in Ephesus relate to speaking the truth in love?
   f) How does the admonition of Peter relate to the need to speak the truth in love? 1 Peter 3:15
   g) What example comes to your mind from the ministry of Jesus where He spoke the truth in love?
   h) Think of a time when someone shared the truth with you in love. How did that interaction impact you?