Northwest Bible Church – Sept. 9, 2012 – Worship Service – Alan Conner

John 4:1-6

Jesus in Samaria

               Intro

               A. THE SAMARITANS

                    1) History –

                                a) The Assyrian capture of the city of Samaria in 722 BC (2 Kings 7:24-29).

                                b) Encounter with Zerubbabel rebuilding the temple in 538 BC (Ezra 4:1-3).

                                c) Encounter with Nehemiah in 444 BC (Nehemiah 2:10,19).

                                d) From these schisms there resulted a distinct and new religious system.

                                e) The Samaritans build their own temple on Mt. Gerizim around 400 BC.

                                 f) Attitudes solidify during this same inter-testamental period.

                    2) Theology –

                                a) Place of worship.

                                b) They denied the resurrection like the Sadducees.

                                c) Both Jew and Samaritan claimed to be true Yahweh worshippers.

                                d) The Samaritan Pentateuch

                                e) Both practiced circumcision, the Sabbath, and the Kosher law.

                                 f) Both looked for a Messiah (John 4:25) and a final judgment.

                    3) NT assessment –

                                a) Generally there was a real hatred between Jews and Samaritans.

                                b) God’s grace could reach the Samaritans.

               B. THE LORD’S DEPARTURE INTO SAMARIA (John 4:1-6).

                    1) Making disciples and baptizing them (John 4:1-2).

                    2) Jesus intentionally traveled through Samaria (John 4:3-6).

                    3) Jesus sat by Jacob’s well for He was weary (John 4: 6).

               Conclusion

               Discussion – Who are some of the spiritual Samaritans that live around you?

                                  How can you take the gospel of the water of life to them?