

Sermon Audio Input

Full Msg. Title: Understanding God's Will
Short Ver. Title: John 024
Series Title: The Gospel of John
Text: John 4:27-42
Key Words: God's Will, Harvest

Message Outline

**Understanding God's Will
Jesus' Greater Purpose in Samaria**

- I. God's Greater Purposes...**
- II. Were Being Worked Out in Samaria...**
- III. In Unexpected Ways...**
- IV. Requiring Something of Jesus' Disciples:**
 - A. They had to Deal with their False Expectations of God's Will and Work**
 - B. In Order to Participate in the Actual Reality of that Will and Work**

Please See

Pastor Kit Culver's sermon and study notes for his John 024 message, "Jesus Encounter with the Samaritan Woman - First Fruits of the Samaritan Harvest" from 1/31/16.

Examine the Scriptures (Be Berean!)

- John 4:1-43

Consider & Discuss (Be Transformed!)

- What may have the disciples been thinking when they saw Jesus speaking with a Samaritan woman (27)?
- Why might the woman have left her water pot at the well (28)?
- What do you make of how she described Jesus (29a) and what she asked about Him (29b)?
- How would you describe the effectiveness of the woman's ministry (30)?
- What is the similarity between the metaphors Jesus employed in 4:7ff and here 4:31ff?
- Initially, how did the Samaritan woman and Jesus' disciples (33) think alike? This indicate a universal problem?
- Unpack Jesus' food metaphor, i.e., as living water was a metaphor for Jesus Himself and the eternal life found in union with Him, and as drinking was a metaphor for believing, what do food and eating indicate here?
- Similarly, unpack Jesus sowing, reaping, harvest metaphor in 35-38 to understand His meaning.
- How did the Samaritans respond to the woman's words in v. 39? In v. 40? To Jesus' words (41)? What did they come to know about Jesus (42)?
- **Community Group Discussion: What was Jesus' charge to His disciples (38)? Is this a word for us; and if so, what are we to do about it?**

Memory & Meditation Verse

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work". John 4:34

Community Life

- Don't miss out and don't hold out. For your good, that of others and for the glory of God, be an active part of the community of believers! Tuesdays at noon for all (BYO Lunch); Thursdays at 7:00 pm for men.

Next Sunday

3/25/16 -- Good Friday, Appreciating Jesus' Death, Communion Service (Quiet Reflection: 12 - 12:15;
Service: 12:15-12:45)

3/27/16 -- Easter Sunday Celebrating Jesus' Resurrection