

Time For A Great Harvest For Jesus!

John 4:27-42

Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” They went out of the town and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’?”

Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent

you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

1. See the opportunities

Just then His disciples came back.
They marveled that He was talking
with a woman... Jn. 4:27

Normal Jewish Response

- . Hostile to Samaritans
- . Cold toward women
- . No effort to talk – silence
- . Minimal effort to people different than themselves.

So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people... (28)

Do you not say, “There are yet four months, then comes the harvest? “Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.” (35)

DIVINE APPOINTMENTS EVERYDAY -
The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when He delights in His way.
Ps. 37:23

2. Set your priorities

Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him saying, “Rabbi, eat.” (31)

But He said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” (32)

So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him something to eat?” (33)

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to accomplish His work. (34)

... having accomplished the work that
You gave me to do. Jn. 17:4

... a man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by
every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.
Deut. 8:3

I delight to do you will, O my God.
Ps. 40:8

... I seek not My own will but the will
of Him who sent Me. Jn. 5:30

3. Serve with Others.

Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and
gathering fruit for eternal life so that sower and reaper
may rejoice together. (36)

... appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and
that your fruit should abide. Jn. 15:16

Easter Weekend?

- . 75 children's worker
- . Music/worship/Tech
- . Ushers/Greeters

- . Coffee ministry
- . Custodians/yard
- . So many invited family and friends

For here the saying holds true,
“One sows and another reaps.” (37)

I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor, others
have labored and you have entered into their labor. (38)

I planted, Apollos watered,
but God gave the growth.
1 Cor. 3:6

Missions Team
Auction \$ support
Prayer teams
Mentors

4. Share your story

“Come, see a man who told me all that
I ever did, Can this be the Christ?”
(29)

They went out of the town and
were coming to Him (30)

Transformed lives are contagious
Victorious lives are contagious
Forgiven sinners are contagious
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ever did."
(39)

"Blind Man" Story
"I once was blind but now I see!"
"Paul" Story
Several paragraphs-
Before – During – After
"Job" Story
- Detailed Journey with God

5. Speak up about Jesus and the power of His Word.

So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to
stay with them, and He stayed there two days. (40)

And many more believed
because of His word (41)

God's Word in us changes us!

They said to the woman. "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe for we have heard for ourselves and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world. (42)

- Not just a Jewish Rabbi
 - Not just a Jewish Prophet
- But He is the Savior of all people!
He is our Savior!