

THAT YOU MAY KNOW

A Mission to Sychar
John 4:27-42
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“...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.” - John 4:42

I. CAN THIS BE THE CHRIST?

- The woman of Samaria leaves upon the disciple’s arrival, and in her haste leaves behind her water jar. Something has stirred her to action (Vs. 28; Acts 10:24-27).
- The woman becomes an evangelist, much like Jesus’ own disciples. “Come, see a man...” she tells her neighbors (John 1:39, 41, 46).

II. SOWING

- Where the woman misunderstood Jesus’ words concerning living water, the disciples misunderstand his words concerning food. Jesus isn’t always easy to understand (John 4:15, 33).
- Jesus now utilizes another illustration, this time concerning the harvest.
- The “white” harvest is there, before the disciple’s eyes. The Samaritans are streaming out of Sychar and coming to hear the gospel (Vs. 35).
- The disciples will become part of a movement by which they will build upon previous gospel work, including the work of Jesus, John the Baptist, and even the prophets of old (Vs. 38).

III. REAPING

- Many Samaritans place their faith in Jesus due to:
 1. The woman’s testimony as an initial draw
 2. Ultimately, the words and ministry of Jesus himself
- The gospel truly received leads to one type of faith: Jesus is indeed the Savior of the world.

KNOW: To do what God has called you to do is food for the soul. God is working, and we are called to join him in that work. He alone brings the increase, but we are invited into the labor.

DO: Join in God’s gospel mission.

Suggested Reading:

5P Evangelism by Tony Guinn (LifePoint Library #269.2 GUI).

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please Read John 4:27-42

1. What appears to be the main point in this passage from John 4?
2. The woman seems amazed and anxious to share what she knows about Jesus. Why?
3. What is the main concern of Jesus’ disciples at this point?
4. Jesus told John’s disciples to “come and see” where he lived. Philip told Nathanael to “come and see” what was special about Jesus. Now the woman tells the townspeople to “come and see” Jesus. What does this tell us about sharing the gospel?
5. What causes the townspeople to put their trust in Jesus?
6. Does everyone in Sychar follow Christ? What does this tell us about sharing the gospel?