

Lift up your eyes,
and look on the
fields; for they are
already ripe for
harvest.

John 4:35



A Faith Worth Sharing A World Worth Winning

The Woman At The Well
Conclusion To Lesson 3

The Harvesters

John 4:27; 31-38

1. The Disciples Return *John 4:27; 31-33*
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a. To do the will of the Father
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John 9:4; John 10:37-38;
John 12:49-50; John 17:4

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3. The Harvest Field

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WHAT are we waiting for?

b. We're not alone *John 4:37-38*
Discipleship is NEVER
a solitary effort!

Seeding
Weeding
Watering
Protecting

*God calls us to go where
He has already been working!*

The Harvest

John 4:28-30; 39-42

1. The First Apostle of Samaria *John 4:28-30*

a. Leaving the old behind *John 4:28*
Changing our mission in life!
*Jesus' water was BETTER
then the water of Jacob's well!*

The woman's response was not
unlike Phillip *John 1:43-45*

b. The first messenger of the harvest
John 4:29-30

(1) *Come and see a man who told
me....See for yourself Isa 11:2*

(2) *Could this be the Messiah?*
Creating thirst

2. The Harvest at Samaria *John 4:39-42*

a. Many believed the woman's word :39
Believing not seeing *John 20:28-29*

b. More believed at His Word :40-41

- What happened in those two days?
- Why no signs, wonders or miracles?
- When did signs and wonders come to Samaria? *Acts 8:5*

c. Impact on the Samaritan's *John 4:42*
Joh 1:11

*Jesus is the...
Messiah
The Savior of the world*

Aftermath of the WELL The Work of Discipleship—The Harvesters

John 4:27; 31-38

1. The Disciples Return

1.:27 Disciples return and do not question Jesus about Him talking to the woman though they were amazed.

2.:31-33 The Disciples are as clueless as the woman when it comes to what Jesus is saying. He is giving Spiritual truth and they are all concerned about the temporal. Somewhat the same with Mary and Martha.

Luk 10:40-42 But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me." But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

2. Doing the Will of The Father

This is Jesus great example as the Father had sent Him so will He send us..

Joh 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

Jesus was nourished by doing the will of His father!
Are we mal-nourished when we DO NOT do the will of God?

Two things about the purpose of Christ's ministry on earth:

a. To do the will of the Father—

Joh 5:30 "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

Joh 6:38 "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

Joh 7:18 "He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Joh 9:4 "We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

Joh 10:37-38 "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father."

Joh 12:49-50 "For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak." "I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me."

His mission is to see the WORK OF THE FATHER to completion. In Jesus high priestly

prayer in John 17 after speaking to the His disciples....

Joh 17:4 "I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.

b. To finish the work....

Joh 19:30 Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

3. Two agricultural models: The Harvest

a.:35-36 It's Harvest Time NOW

There must have been a local saying or folk lore of some kind about four months between planting and harvest.

There are STILL FOUR months till harvest—

WHAT are you waiting for—this is an excuse, this a story—you don't have to wait for the harvest—it's here right now if you will look around.

:36 seems to reinforce the idea of what Jesus said about finishing the work...He's really going to get the work started and He's going to need us to help get it finished.

b.:37-38 Discipleship is NEVER a solitary effort

Key here is entering in the work of others. In the case of the WOMAN and the Samaritans is probably was John the Baptist and others that we do not know about.

In most efforts—the preparatory work is the hardest, tilling the ground and getting the rocks out.

Seeding – weeding – watering – protecting

God calls us to go where He has already been working.....

The Harvest

John 4:28-30; 39-42

1. The first apostle of Samaria 4:28-30

a. Leaving the old behind :28

The woman left her pot—not to make more of it than we should; at least it is significant that her encounter was of such magnitude that she left her primary mission in favor of a new mission.

Jesus was BETTER than the water of Jacob's well.

The woman's response was not unlike Phillip:

Joh 1:43-45 The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

b. The first messenger of the harvest :29-30

Two things that the woman told the people

1a. Come and see a man who told me....

Note: She is inviting the people to see for themselves

Even though the Samaritans only believed in the first five books of the bible—they did follow a lot of the news about a Jewish Messiah. And they probably held to the belief that many did, that the Messiah would KNOW everything about everybody:

Isa 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

2a. Could this be the Messiah?

Assuming she did believe that Jesus was the Messiah—she would never declare that to the men—she was actually doing (but not knowing it) doing what Christ did: CREATING THIRST

Come see a MAN—could this be?
Like Sharon Allen—"that man"

2. The Harvest at Samaria 39-42

a. Many believed simply at the woman's word :39

Joh 20:28-29 Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not

see, and yet believed."

b. 40-41 When they saw Jesus first hand—they wanted more and He stayed with them for two days.

What happened in those two days? Probably no miracles, signs or wonders—there was such a thirst that that "...many more believed because of His WORD."

The other reason is probably was that it was not yet time for the full pouring out of the Spirit of God on the Gentiles (non-Jews).

But revival and miracles did fall on Samaria—the first place that Gospel went to after Stephen was martyred.

Another Phillip—this one a deacon and evangelist!

Act 8:5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began proclaiming Christ to them. The crowds with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing. For in the case of many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out of them shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed. So there was much rejoicing in that city.

c. The Savior of the world :42

The last scene in Samaria is POWERFUL

After two days with the Messiah: They believe not because of what the woman said but because of what they heard from the Messiah—we also KNOW INDEED that this is the Messiah – THE SAVIOR of the world.

Again—as the Jesus picks the Samaritan woman to be the first person He expressly identifies Himself as the Messiah—now the Samaritans are the first to declare that He is the SAVIOR of the world.

Joh 1:11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him