

The Gospel of John: The Harvest

John 4:27-42

The Woman's Response (v. 27-30)

- Jesus' disciples return from town to find Him conversing with the Samaritan woman
- This was scandalous because she was:
 - A Samaritan
 - A woman
 - A social outcast
- But they don't question Jesus' motives
- She returns to town to tell everyone about Jesus
 - His acceptance of her gave her the boldness to tell those who would have shunned her
 - She understood how 'good' the Good News is

Divine Food (v. 31-38)

- Once alone, the disciples offer Jesus some of the food they have purchased
 - He uses this as a teachable moment
- He has 'food' which sustains Him: 'To do His Father's will
- Jesus echoes Moses' words in Deut 8:3 (see Mk 4:4; Lk 4:4)
- Jesus tells them that they have work aplenty to do as well by using an agricultural metaphor (Isa 55:10-11)
- He has just sown the seed and watered it in His conversation with the woman
 - She is spreading that seed to those in town
 - The harvest is coming to them: The Samaritans
- The hard work of evangelism is God's doing, not ours
 - We get to be a link in the chain of all that God has been doing in someone's life

The Harvest Field (v. 39-42)

- Many Samaritans come out to the well to meet Jesus because of the woman's testimony/witness
 - And they put their faith in Him as the Savior of the World (3:16)
- He & His disciples stay with them for two days
 - Crossing social boundaries to bring salvation to people that His disciples probably saw as 'others'

So What?

- Do we share the Gospel with the eagerness of the Samaritan woman?
- Are we willing to leave our comfort zone to do it?
- Do we trust God to bring in the harvest of faith in others?

Meditation Verse: John 4:35b

Next Week's Scripture: John 4:43-54