



John 4.27–42 – Don't Miss The Harvest

Small Group Questions

Pray for God's help as you turn to look at His word, to understand and respond rightly to what you'll see. Read through the passage and then discuss these questions together.

1. Share any stories of times you've missed something important (i.e. a commitment, a train, an anniversary). How did it make you feel?

On Sunday we saw three things from these verses:

- (1) that there is a spiritual harvest,
- (2) that we each have a role to play in bringing it in and
- (3) that it should be unthinkable that we wouldn't do so.

2. In v35 Jesus says, "open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." So far in John 4, how has Jesus demonstrated that *his* eyes are wide open? What does it mean for our eyes to be 'open' in the way Jesus means here?
3. How 'open' do you think your eyes are to the people around you who need to be introduced to Jesus? Even now, as you reflect on it, who in your daily life do you think the Lord might be trying to 'open' your eyes to see?
4. Re-read vv36-38. What are the different roles described there? How might this encourage us in the use of our different gifts and when we don't personally seem to be doing much 'reaping'?
5. The woman in this account is not the sort of person we might typically imagine would be great at leading others to faith (she's a very new believer, seems to have a tentative faith, presumably doesn't know the answer to many possible questions etc). But God used her powerfully! How is she an encouragement to us?
6. Talk about the various roles we can play in our daily lives in pointing people to Jesus. What might that look like? What have you or others you know done this recently?
7. Re-read v34. Describe the 'appetite' of Jesus. How does that compare with yours? How do you think we gain and grow this appetite, such that our lives are shaped by the will and work of God the Father?

Respond to God's word in prayer

Share any answers to prayer you've seen since you last met

Take some time to pray for each other