

**Morning Worship - September 1, 2013**  
**John 4:31-45, Harvest in Samaria**

1. **Introduction - Read John 4:31-45**
  2. **31-34** Our primary \_\_\_\_\_ should be for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
    - a. **31** Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” **32** But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” **33** So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” **34** Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.”
      - i. Christ is pushing them to think beyond the material and earthly to the \_\_\_\_\_.
      - ii. What gives Jesus ultimate satisfaction is not from satisfying his physical hunger with food, but from being obedient to his Father that sent him into the world to accomplish his will. Jesus saw his calling and his mission as \_\_\_\_\_.
      - iii. **Matthew 4:4** - “man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”
      - iv. Someone once said, “Every time one goes to the refrigerator one is looking for God.” What that person meant was that sometimes life is so unfulfilling that only food (or drink/ drugs/ sex) can temporally satisfy the soul, not to mention the body. [Bruner] What is the will of God?
      - v. Does you have a hunger and does your stomach \_\_\_\_\_ for the salvation of the people that you have been taught to despise in your life?
  3. **35-38** God’s will is a \_\_\_\_\_ of souls to \_\_\_\_\_ life for His glory
    - a. **35** 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. **36** Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. **37** For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ **38** I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”
      - i. *There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?* - This is a proverbial mindset at that time for the farmer who was entering into what we call in the Delta, \_\_\_\_\_. We would have several months of waiting on the harvest...there are yet four months, then comes the harvest? Christ is trying to overcome that mindset in the hearts of the disciples, because they don’t have four months...they have just a few minutes...because the Samaritan woman is coming back for her jar and with her is coming a crowd of Samaritans ripe for harvest.
    - ii. Christ knew that they would have difficulty in ministering to the Samaritan because of the history of the people and the antagonism between the two races, so, Christ teaches them some new realities about sowing and reaping.
  - b. Christ says that the disciples are in a very \_\_\_\_\_ position...they are already receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life...they are entering into the labor of the Triune God and His unlimited sovereignty as he has prepared the Samaritan people for this day.
4. **39-42** The harvest \_\_\_\_\_ through personal \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ
  - a. **39** Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” **40** So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. **41** And many more believed because of his word. **42** 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.”
    - i. *Because of the woman's testimony* - the initiating catalyst which brought a crowd of Samaritan’s to the well to see Jesus was the Samaritan’s woman’s testimony about her \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.
    - ii. *We have heard for ourselves* - Think of it like this - we can hear the testimony of what someone else has experienced with Christ, much like we are through studying the Gospel of John, but for it to become real for us, we must personally encounter Christ. I can listen to your story a hundred times with wide eyes and an open mouth, but before Jesus becomes real to me, I must encounter him personally.
- v. **CLOSE**
  - a. **1 Corinthians 3:5-9** - What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. **6** I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. **7** So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. **8** He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. **9** For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.