

Loving P.W.C. Through Christ
John 4:31-38 Prince William County is Ripe for Jesus ' Harvest

We saw past 4 Sundays, Gods' Priority:

- **Acts 4:7-20** Pet. & Jn., See all as Jesus sees them: broken, need redempt.
- **Mark 12:29-31** Priority: love neighbor/all, as much as we love ourselves
- **Luke 15:1-7** Seek out the lost, welcome—no one is less imp. in His eyes
- **2 Corinthians 5:16-20** Ambassadors help others make step Christlikeness

I. A life has just been transformed - setting the stage John 4

II. Real spiritual food is explained by Jesus vs. 31-34

An object lesson from the Savior

III. A harvest of God 's transforming power is promised vs. 35-38

A. Background

B. The present scene

C. It is "already" time vs. 36

D. Fulfilled prophecy - sower & reaper rejoice together vs. 36 -38

Amos 9:13 "Days are coming when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes overtake him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it."

Matthew 9:37- 38 "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.."

Application:

1. As ambassadors for Christ we want to help others we meet make one step closer to Christlikeness. Part of God's whole creation being reconciled!

Engage ⇨ Evangelize † Establish ⇨ Equip

Do this w/anyone whose path we cross, non-blvr.,or blvr.—this grows church!

2. Love your neighbor by engaging, listen to their story. "God, help me find a way to identify with them" What's gone wrong? What's his plan to fix it?

his Fall & Redemption - Your testimony fall & redemption, God's fix works!

3. To Love your neighbor - Be prepared to share God's story— a simple 4 part gospel Good News: Creation, Fall, Redemption, Transformation

4. What are the inhibitors that keep me from telling my Savior's story?

Not well-equipped, Just not that interested, I'm hypocrite, It's kinda weird
Solution: Loving Jesus allover again, let Him compel heart, meditate, wonder

John 4:9, 13-14

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

4:23-26

²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

4:31 -38

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. 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."