



Being Hungry for Harvest

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John 4:34 *“Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.’”*

Big Thought: The Mission of Jesus is the nourishment for every Christian, the epitome of worship, and the purpose of why we are still here.

What are FOUR things preventing you from great missional impact?

1. **Cultural Bias:** When someone allows history and culture to determine how they view someone (like the Jews did with the Samaritans)
2. **Task-Oriented Christianity:** Not hungry or thirsty, but just focused on doing good things. Doing good things, but sometimes forsaking the *great*.
3. **Dehydrated and at the Wrong Well:** Everyone is thirsty, but drinking from the world’s wells will keep us stuck (the woman at the well).
4. **Wearing the Burden of Mass Evangelism:** Reach one to reach many. You will never have a relationship with the masses, but you will with individuals.

Five Events from John 4:

1. **A Thirsty Woman’s Encounter (vs. 7-26)**
 - She had no name- everyone needs Jesus
 - Thirst: Representative of all humanity
 - Interesting: She had 5 husbands and the one she was with now wasn’t her husband. Jesus was the 7th man in her life
2. **Hungry Jesus’ Ministry (vs. 4-34)**
 - He had to pass through Samaria (vs. 4)
 - He was wearied from His journey
 - His food was to do the will of His Father (vs. 31-34)
3. **The Neutral Disciples’ Task**
 - No thirst, but identified a need (Jesus’ hunger)
 - They were task-oriented
4. **Hungry Woman on a Mission (vs. 28)**
 - If God can use her, He can use you
 - No social, religious, gender, or cultural barriers can stop God!

5. Harvest of Thirsty Samaritans (vs. 39-42)

Defining a Hungry Christian: Someone who, like Jesus, knows that God is set on using them to bring redemption to the world by and through the gospel.

3 Qualities of a Hungry Christian:

1. They value people impartially (there were many reasons Jesus shouldn't have had this conversation: she was a woman, a Samaritan, He was tired and hungry...)
2. They give value to people impartially (It was Jesus who began the conversation- "Give me some water...")
3. They own God's calling on their life

Closing Main Truth: There is one thing we are left to do here. Be on mission; everything else is an imperfect expression of the eternal, but you will never evangelise in heaven.

Questions:

1. Of the four things preventing people from missional impact, which would you feel you may have struggled with the most? Why?
2. What would most likely have happened if Jesus had ignored the woman while at the well? What kind of things encourage us to ignore people around us?
3. *Read John 4:32.* What was the food Jesus spoke of which He was *hungry* for? How can you better be a *hungry Christian*?

Prayer: *"Father, thank You for saving us through Jesus Christ. While we long for the time when we are in Your presence offering perfect worship, we know that we are still here in an imperfect world for a reason. We are on a mission: to share the gospel of Jesus with a lost world. This is something we will not be able to do in eternity, but have the privilege to now. Give me hunger for sharing this good news, I pray in Jesus' name, amen!"*