

How the Good News Gets Out John 4:27-42

Introduction: Last week we met the Samaritan woman in John 4 who met Jesus at Jacob's well in the town of Sychar. This week we will see what happens when she runs into the village and shares her new life with everyone. She was a five time loser in marriage, belonged to a racial underclass, she felt like a social pariah, a moral failure, and she was in a lonely and loveless relationship with a man who was not her husband. But this woman had a thirsty soul. Jesus offered the gift of living water and eternal life to her and then He revealed Himself to her as the Messiah. During this entire conversation the disciples were away getting lunch. When they returned, they were in for a surprise.

An awkward but teachable moment (vs. 27)

"They marveled that he was talking with a woman..."

The Samaritan woman teaches us how to communicate the Good News. (vs. 28-30)

1. **Make the Good News your most exciting priority (vs. 28)** *"So the woman left her water jar and went away into town."*

2. **Don't be afraid to take risks with people who might reject you or are different than you are. (vs. 29)**

"Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?"

3. **God's method of reaching the world is for you to tell others. (vs. 30)**

"They went out of the town and were coming to him..."

It's harvest time in the world today (vs. 31-38)

Harvest minded Christians make God's work #1. (vs. 31-34)

"My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work."

Harvest minded Christians see the world differently. (vs. 34) *“Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields”*

Harvest minded Christians get busy sowing and reaping. (vs. 35) *“Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.”*

Harvest minded Christians expect to receive great rewards. (vs. 36)
“Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life...”

Harvest minded Christians know that bringing someone to Jesus involves a process of sowing before reaping. (vs. 37-38) *“For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’”*

Harvest minded Christians believe in multiplication. (vs. 39-42) *“Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony...”*