

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of December 27, 2015

This Week's Focus: A bold, godly witness for Jesus Christ is one who embraces the sufficiency Jesus' redemptive work and seeks ways to humbly and lovingly share God's love with a sinful world.

This Week's Text: John 4:27-42

"Some of you good people who do nothing except read little Plymouth books, go to public meetings, Bible-readings, prophetic conferences, and other forms of spiritual dissipation, would be a good deal better Christians if you would look after the poor and needy around you! If you just tuck up your sleeves for work and go and tell the Gospel to dying men, you would find your spiritual health mightily restored, for very much of the sickness of Christians comes through their having nothing to do! All feeding and no working makes men spiritual dyspeptics [irritable]. Be idle, careless, with nothing to live for, nothing to care for, no sinner to pray for, no backslider to lead back to the Cross, no trembler to encourage, no little child to tell of a Savior, no gray-headed man to enlighten in the things of God, no objective, in fact, to live for, and who wonders if you begin to groan, to murmur and to look within until you are ready to die of despair?" **Charles Haddon Spurgeon**

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What are your general impressions about this week's sermon?
- Why were the disciples surprised that Jesus was speaking with the Samaritan woman? What cultural barriers did Jesus demolish by speaking with the woman, and why did he do this? What are some cultural barriers that we can demolish so that we can intentionally love others?
- What was the woman's response to Jesus' final statement? What is significant about the fact that she left her water jar behind? Why was she so bold about her message?
- What was Jesus' response when his disciples told him to eat? What did he mean by his metaphor? Reference Deuteronomy 8:3. Do you view the work and will of God in the same way? When have you felt the exhilaration of living missionally?

- What did Jesus mean by his agricultural analogy? Do you daily pray for and recognize the opportunities to gospelize in your workplace, school, community, friendships, family, etc.?
- In verses 36-38, Jesus states that one sows, while another reaps but both rejoice in the harvest. What does he mean by this? Do you see the advancement of God's kingdom as a joy-filled team effort? Reference 1 Corinthians 3:5-9.
- Read verse 42. How does this statement compliment and confirm the Samaritan woman's testimony? What does Jesus' title "Savior of the world" imply? Who is the world, and why does the world need rescuing?
- What does it take to be a bold witness for Jesus Christ? How does this passage encourage you to boldly declare and demonstrate the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?