



Believe and Have Life*The Gospel of John***John 4:27–42****Re-read John 4:1–26. Read John 4:27–42.**

1. What simple invitation does the Samaritan woman give to the townspeople? (v. 29a; * 1:39, 46)
2. Why would meeting Jesus cause the Samaritan woman, who had previously avoided the people from Sychar, to address her whole town? (vv. 19, 26, 29b)
3. How do her words stand in contrast to what is normally associated with evangelism by
 - a. the world?
 - b. Christians?
4. In response to the woman's testimony, many of the townspeople believed in Jesus. How does this interchange between the woman and the townspeople encourage you to share your own faith in Jesus?
5. While Jesus is probably still tired (v. 6), thirsty (v. 7) and hungry (vv. 8, 31), what motivates him not to focus on himself but to reach out to the Samaritan woman? (vv. 32–34)
6. Look again at verse 34. What is there about physical food that makes it a good picture of how Jesus sees doing his Father's will?

*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.

7. Twenty times in the Gospel of John, Jesus refers to his Father as the “one who sent me.” What is the will of the Father that Jesus has been sent to do?

John 3:16–17

John 6:38–40

John 14:9–11

John 17:2–4

8. In verses 35–38 we see just how differently Jesus sees the world from the way others see it.
- a. As the Samaritans make their way to Jesus, how does he see them? (vv. 35–36)

- b. How does he see his disciples? (v. 38)

9. How does Jesus encourage his disciples to join in the work he is doing? (vv. 35, 38; 20:21)

10. Though Jesus is on his way to Galilee, what causes him to stay over in Samaria for two days? (vv. 34, 40)

11. What is the basis of the Samaritans’ faith? (vv. 41–42a)

12. What do they believe about Jesus? (v. 42b)

13. The Samaritan woman is a great example of God’s using those who are not “wise...influential...of noble birth” (1 Cor. 1:26) to extend his kingdom. Take time to respond to this lesson in prayer.

You may want to...

...confess your timidity in sharing the Gospel with others and ask God for courage and wisdom.

...thank God for including you in his mission and ask him to help you see the fields that are ready for harvest.

...ask God to help you value doing his will above all else.

...etc.