

A Chance For Ministry

John 4:1-26

We should never pass up a chance for ministry

A. Ministry Leads To More Ministry (4:1-4)

1. By the Lord's knowledge (4:1)

2. By the Lord's direction (4:3-4)

B. Ministry Leads To Meeting People (4:5-8)

1. Who are between two choices (4:5)

Deuteronomy 11:26-29

2. Who are brought together by circumstance (4:6-7)

John 7:37

3. Who can have a conversation (4:8)

Isaiah 1:18

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C. Ministry Leads To The Message (4:9-12)

1. That all need to hear (4:9)

Ephesians 2:12-13

2. That all need to receive (4:10)

Romans 5:18

3. That all need to understand (4:11-12)

a. How can you get water without a bucket? (v 11)

b. Who do you think you are? (v 12)

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D. Ministry Removes Misunderstandings (4:13-26)

1. A. About the real need in life (4:13-15)

2. About the way you are living (4:16-19)

Proverbs 21:2

3. About the way you worship (4:20-24)

4. About who Jesus Is (4:25-26)

The Consequences Of Ministry

John 4:27-42

Ministry makes disciples

Ecclesiastes 11:1-2

1 Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.

2 Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.

I. The Surprise of The Disciples (4:27)

John 4:27

And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

A. Astonishment

B. Acquiescence

C. Arrangement

II. The Surrender Of The Woman (4:28-30)

A. Her plans were not important anymore (4:28)

John 4:28

The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

B. Her plea was something unheard of before (4:29)

John 4:29

Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

II. The Surrender Of The Woman (4:28-30)

**C. Her persistence resulted in a unexpected response
(4:30)**

John 4:30

Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

1 Corinthians 2:14

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

III. The Sayings of Christ (4:31-38)

A. You need a spiritual perspective (4:31-34)

1. In appetites (vv 31-32)

John 4:31-32

31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

III. The Sayings of Christ (4:31-38)

A. You need a spiritual perspective (4:31-34) - continued

2. In actions (vv 33-34)

John 4:33-34

33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?

34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

III. The Sayings of Christ (4:31-38)

B. You need a spiritual priority (4:35)

John 4:35

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

Jeremiah 8:20

The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

III. The Sayings of Christ (4:31-38)

C. You need a spiritual purpose (4:36-38)

John 4:36-38

36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

IV. The Salvation Of Many (4:39-42)

A. Impacted by her testimony (4:39-40)

John 4:39-40

39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.

IV. The Salvation Of Many (4:39-42)

B. Impacted by His Word

John 4:41-42

41 And many more believed because of his own word;

42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Ministry Must Be Our Motive