

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for July 3-4, 2004

"Fruitful Labor"

John 4:39-42

What are four major features of Christ's work outlined for us in John 4:31-42?

The first major feature of Christ's work is the proper motive.

The second major feature of Christ's work is the urgency associated with reaping God's harvest (John 4:35-36).

The third major feature of Christ's work is joy (John 4:36).

The fourth major feature of Christ's work is fruitfulness (John 4:39-42).

When the Apostle John tells us that many Samaritans believed "in Him" in John 4:39 he meant that they were willing to entrust themselves to Him as their Messiah.

The words "in Him" are the same words the Apostle John chose to use in John 3:16 as he reflected on the conversation between Nicodemus and Jesus.

When you put the ministry of John the Baptist together with the testimony of the woman and her obvious faith, the response of the men does not seem all that absurd.

When we think about the task of becoming involved in God's harvest field, we need to be very optimistic about people coming to faith in Christ, only if we pray (John 15:16).

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When the Samaritans came to Jesus, they came to Him as new believers and did not want Him to go so they were continuously asking Him to stay.

The group of Samaritans that came to faith because of the word of Jesus was greater than the number of Samaritans who came to faith through the word of the woman (John 4:41).

The "many more" Samaritans who came to faith through the words of Jesus acknowledged the strategic role that the woman played in their new found faith in John 4:42.

Because Jesus the Messiah embraced the Samaritans and extended to them the gift of living water, they knew that He was not simply the Savior of the Jews but of the world.

Nobody knows how many sinners have come to the Savior because of the witness of this woman recorded in John 4.