

A Laborer's Outreach

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I. Introduction.

A. God is always looking for laborers.

B. Text: John 4.

II. The Samaritan woman.

A. The Samaritan woman would have been completely despised by an orthodox Jewish man.

B. The woman was lonely. Jesus surprised her by talking with her.

C. The woman was ignorant. Many do not know who Christ is—they make faulty decisions based upon ignorance.

D. The woman was thirsty. People will do anything to fill up the void in their lives.

E. The woman was in sin. We cannot hide our sins from God.

F. The woman was “religious.”

III. The disciples.

A. The disciples had food on their minds, but this was not their mission.

B. Our priorities must be in balance. The major focus of our life should not be resources.

IV. Jesus.

A. Jesus' food was to do God's work.

B. Jesus could finish His work because it was His food to do it.

C. We must plan to finish.

Application questions:

1. Who best represents the position of life you are in right now? Explain.

2. How do you struggle to maintain focus on God and the mission?

3. How would you counsel someone seeking to fill the void in his or her lives in light of the message?
