

# What are You Building in Others

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Like Jesus, we have been sent to love the world, help many and invest in a few.
- B. Jesus finished the work of training men, and so should we. (John 17:4; 4; II Timothy 4)

## II. A snapshot of the world. (John 4)

- 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.

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

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

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