

**Scripture: John 4:27-38 (NRSV)**

Outline:

- v. 27 – The disciples return and interrupt Jesus’ dialogue with the Samaritan woman.
- v. 28-30 – the woman goes back into the city and talks with her neighbors. Based on Jesus’ prophetic and spiritual wisdom, could he be the Messiah?
- v. 31-34 The disciples are thinking about lunch while Jesus is focused on doing God’s will.
- v. 35-38 Jesus gives an illustration with the aim of expanding the disciples view of when, where, with whom, and how spiritual fruit can be harvested.

Discussion and reflection questions:

1. What surprises you about the people Jesus engages in conversation? Who is a modern-day equivalent of a Samaritan woman in your mind – a Muslim, a member of the Taliban, a person who has a vastly different political view than you do, or someone else? How does God feel about this person? Ask Him!
2. What might keep you from asking Jesus honest questions that are in your heart or on your mind? (Notice that in v. 27 the disciples want to ask questions about Jesus’ actions, but do not.)
3. When might physical needs be pushing our attention away from spiritual growth or being sensitive to God’s leading? How might God’s desires or God-led service nourish us spiritually?
4. Who around you may be prepared to receive a sign or word of God’s love this week? Why wait?
5. Where might God have planted and tended seeds so that a rich harvest may come in Klamath Falls, in Klamath County, or in Central Asia? How can you link with those who are “sowers” to help bring work to completion?
6. How can you pray for Pastor Richard in his call to teach the Word and to exhort you to find spiritual sustenance that supports FPC Klamath Falls in being faithful to how God is sending you to “sow and reap”?
7. What might Jesus want to teach you from this passage? As Christ wanted to expand the disciples’ understanding of how God works, how might he want to broaden our perspectives?