

Lesson 9

JESUS REALLY IS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

John 4:27-42

Key Verse 42

“They said to the woman, ‘We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.’”

1. What surprised Jesus’ disciples and why do you think they didn’t ask about it (27)? What did the woman do and say next (28-29)? Do you think she was still “thirsty” (13-14)? In what ways does her testimony express her change? How did the people react (30)?
2. What did the disciples think was urgent and how did Jesus turn it into a teaching opportunity (31-34)? What was Jesus’ food, and what does this show us about Jesus (34)? What is your “food”?
3. What metaphor did Jesus use to teach his disciples (35)? What does it mean to “open your eyes,” to them, and to us? Who do you think the sowers and the reapers are (36-38)? What is the harvest they labor together for?
4. Why did many Samaritans initially believe in Jesus (39)? What was their request and how did Jesus respond (40)? What does this show us about Jesus?
5. How did they come to personal faith in Jesus and what was their confession (41-42)? What does it mean that Jesus is “the Savior of the world” in their context and ours? Based on this passage, how can we participate in Jesus’ harvest?