

the  
**GOSPEL**  
of  
**JOHN**

...that you may believe!

## BIBLE STUDY 4

**What have you found challenging in your study of God's Word this week?**

**BREAKING THE ICE:** Do you see yourself as an 'evangelist', or do you think that falls outside of your Christian duties?

1. Today we pick up in John 4, just after Jesus revealed Himself as Messiah to the Samaritan woman He met at the well. **READ JOHN 4:27-30.** Why were the disciples so surprised to see Jesus in conversation with this woman?
2. What 3 titles does this woman give Jesus as she shares her experience with the town? (See vs 9, 19 and 29) Why are all three important?
3. According to verse 30, the woman's evangelistic strategy was rather successful... Why?
4. **READ JOHN 4:31-38.** Jesus likens the sense of satisfaction from doing God's work to being well fed. Have you ever felt deeply satisfied by doing what God had told you to do?
5. When Jesus told His disciples to 'look to the fields' in vs 35 what would they have seen? (See vs 30 again). What type of harvest is Jesus talking about in this passage?
6. Who are the 'reapers' in Jesus' analogy here? Who are those who sowed beforehand?
7. **READ JOHN 4:39-45.** Why did the Samaritans initially believe in Jesus (according to vs 39), and how did the reason for their belief change by vs 42? Do you think the *nature* of their belief also changed, or in other words, did they have a different *kind* of belief after hearing Jesus for themselves?
8. What does vs 44 mean? If Jesus was so warmly welcomed and appreciated in Samaria, and later in Galilee, why did He choose to move on to Jerusalem, where He was despised and persecuted by the religious leaders?
9. How 'ripe' is the field God has placed you in for harvest? What part could you play in reaping fruit for Jesus?

**PRAY:** For God to open your eyes to see the harvest field prepared for you!

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