

## We Are All Missionaries

### Word

#### Scripture Reference

John 4:27-42

#### Discussion Questions

1. When you wake up in the morning, what's the first thing that comes to your mind? Does it have something to do with your plan for the day?
2. Read John 4:27-42. This is the continuation of the story of the Samaritan woman who met Jesus when she went to the well alone to draw some water. From her conversation with Jesus, she discovered the meaning of Living Water. She didn't keep the good news she heard to herself, but went out of her way to share it with others. We are all missionaries. People with a mission are "mission-aries." What would it look like if you were to live your life here on earth as a missionary? First, when you are here on a mission, civilian endeavor becomes secondary (v.27-28). Some news is so good that you simply cannot wait to tell everyone. After being enlightened by Jesus, where did the Samaritan woman go? What did she leave behind in the process? What significance does it tell you that Apostle John noted such small information that the woman left the water jar? What has been keeping you from sharing the good news with others? Looking at your calendar, what among your daily activities are keeping you from "running back" to town, to your neighbors, to your co-workers, to tell them about the true living water?
3. Second, when you are on a mission, your life-story becomes your voice (v.29-30). The most powerful witness is a life witness. The Samaritan woman who came alone to draw water during high noon definitely did not want to know nor connect with anyone. She was most probably embarrassed of her life having been married to several men. But everything changed after her conversation with Jesus. Her life and her history did not change, but her voice became different. She was not ashamed anymore. When you have much to hide, you don't want to talk to people. Your tendency is to withdraw. When you hear of other's transforming life stories, what do you see in that person? Is it his sinful past or the amazing grace of God in his life? Discuss what usually keeps Christians from speaking out or sharing their testimonies? What should be done about it?
4. Third, when you are on a mission, the Father's will becomes most satisfying (v.31-34). Jesus broke protocols and talked to the Samaritan woman who was clearly hiding something and did not want to be bothered. Then Jesus did not eat the food the disciples brought to Him because He was here on a mission. What

did Jesus say was His food? Discuss why food is not enough to make a person fulfilled and satisfied. Why do you think some of the richest and most powerful people in the world are the emptiest people inside? What makes the Father's will most satisfying?

5. Fourth, when you are on a mission, some day becomes today (v.35-38). "Open your eyes and look at the fields." Obviously Jesus was not talking about the plants around them. Who do you think Jesus was pointing at as He said these words? Discuss why you should not discriminate whom you share the gospel with? Why is it urgent to share now than to wait later?
6. Last, when you are on a mission, a spark becomes a wildfire (v.39-42). You need to realize that this is the very purpose of John's gospel... *these are written so that you may know that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God!* When you know Christ, and bring someone along to know Him, then one more, then one more, soon it will become a wildfire that cannot be contained. Share ideas of how you can intentionally share the love of Christ to others.

### Walk

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going. And soon all those around, can warm up in its glowing. That's how it is with God's love. Once you've experienced it, you'll spread His love to everyone. You want to pass it on.*

We are all mission-aries. Now we need to make sure we get our mission orders correctly. How do you plan about it? Whose life would you care to light up with the love of Christ this week?

### Worship & Prayer

*Heavenly Father, You have called me to be a mission-ary. What a great calling! There may be something in my life that keeps me from following my calling. Help me to realize what it is that I should leave behind in order to follow you. Give me boldness to share you with others. May my life be a living testimony so that others can see You in me. Thank you that doing your will is fulfilling, that nothing would matter anymore when I do what You want me to do. Help me to light up, with the love of Christ, the people around me.  
In Jesus Name, Amen.*