

Light and Life: Jesus in the Gospel of John

Today's message: **Open Your Eyes**

John 4:27-34 (ESV)

²⁷ Just then* his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?"

²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people,

²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?"

³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him. ³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work

The **oblivion** of the disciples ...

Are we likewise oblivious?

Because we are _____?

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The metaphor of **harvest**

John 4:35-38 (ESV). ³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? **Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.** ³⁶ Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

People are ready to _____ now.

Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NCV)

Those who wait for perfect weather will never plant seeds; those who look at every cloud will never harvest crops.

The gospel is a responsibility/opportunity we _____.

1 Corinthians 3:5-9a (ESV)

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For **we are God's fellow workers.**

Opportunities are _____.

John 9:4 (ESV)

We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; **night is coming, when no one can work.**

Earnest prayer is part of our _____.

Matthew 9:37-38 (ESV)

³⁷... he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore **pray earnestly** to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

It is disingenuous to pray for something that ...

The 'harvest' is both _____ and _____.

Matthew 13:30 (ESV)

"Let both grow together **until the harvest**, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." "

The power of personal **testimony** + **the Word**

John 4:39-42 (ESV)

³⁹Many Samaritans from that town believed in him **because of the woman's testimony**, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed **because of his word**. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

My testimony has ...

God's Word has ...