

These questions are for the March 1, 2026, message, "Finishing the Mission." Please read the sermon passage (John 4:27-42) out loud.

Passage Outline

As we believe that the Gospel is for all people, see the . . .

1. Power. God's Word (27-30).
 - a) The Word of God knows all that you have ever done (see Ez 8:12).
 - 1) "The devil knows your name, but calls you by your sin; Christ Jesus knows your sin but calls you by your sin." -Matt Smethurst
 - 2) God's kindness is seen here in Christ: He knows our sin but overcomes great barriers to offer us Living Water.
 - b) The Word of God knows what you really trust (see Heb 4:12-13).
 - c) The Word of God knows all your diversions / excuses (like "religion").
 - d) The Word of God knows your hiding places (1 John 3:19-20).
2. Sent. Accomplish the mission (31-38).
 - a) Our priority: "doing the will of Him who sent me," and "accomplishing His work" (34).
 - b) The time to work is now. Work happily on sowing and reaping (35-38, see Amos 9:13).
3. Impact. Knowing Christ's identity (39-42).
 - a) Our interest to know more is piqued by one another, by faithful "sowing."
 - b) Genuine conversion: "Now we know that [Jesus] is the Savior of the world" (42).

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: In this narrative, we are not "Jesus," but the Samaritan woman. Jesus overcame our rebellion, guilt, blindness, and many other barriers to get to us with His offer of Living Water. Jesus, "knows your sin, but calls you by your name." How does this journey into Samaritan land to redeem Samaritan people humble and astound you?
2. Based on #1, above: Which people are the hardest for you to want to get to? (People who live very differently, people you view as "less than," or people that no-one in your friend group would ever expect you to care about.) Where would you be if Jesus viewed you like that? What does obedience look like for you today?
3. Based on #2, above: Our food, or "priority even above our own bodily nourishment" must be "God's will," and "accomplishing God's work." In what ways have your soul been nourished (fed) by devotion to God's will and doing God's work?
4. Based on #3, above: Our goal is not to "slightly improve the morality" of others, but to totally rebuild their loyalties. The "salvation of the world" is bound up in one loyalty: complete devotion to Jesus Christ alone as our Messiah. Discuss.
5. Based on #3, above: how has the testimony or example of another Christian caused you to believe Christ? Who was it? What was the circumstance? When did your reason for believing transfer from another Christian to Jesus Christ Himself?