“OPEN YOUR EYES AND LOOK AT THE FIELDS!”

John 4:27–42

Key Verse: 4:35

1. How is the opening situation described, and why? (27) What did the Samaritan woman do, how did her townspeople respond to her, and why? (28–30)

2. In contrast to her, what were the disciples focused on, and how did Jesus respond to them? (31–34) What was he trying to teach them and us?

3. Read verse 35. What was the point of the saying Jesus mentioned? (35a) In contrast to it, how was Jesus urging his disciples? (35b) What did he mean by the “ripe harvest fields”? In this specific context, why was he telling his disciples to “open their eyes,” and what does this mean to us?

4. What does it mean to “reap,” “draw wages,” and “harvest a crop for eternal life,” and why does Jesus stress, “Even now”? (36a) Who are the “sowers” and “reapers,” and why is Jesus teaching us these things? (36b–38)

5. How did the townspeople’s faith in Jesus get started? (39) Why was it important for them to spend more time with him in person? (40,41) What conviction did they come to have about Jesus, and what does this mean to us? (42)