

Open Your Eyes

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Passage, John 4:27-38

Transition: Illustration

- Have you ever done something and completely had no idea what we're doing...
- Shopping
- CC

Context:

- John 4 talks about Jesus entering a town and having a meeting with a Samaritan woman at the well
- This woman has a powerful encounter with Jesus
- She realizes who this man really is and goes to the entire town to tell about her experience
- Now, the scene changes, the woman returns with what seems to be people from her town
- The text then shows us the disciples with Jesus, this is where I want us to turn our focus

Transition

- Meanwhile, his disciples come back
- John does something here that you normally wouldn't do but he includes events in a story that didn't happen. (Verse 27)
- The entire town comes to Jesus yet the disciples ask something, they do not understand what's happening
- They say did you have anything to eat?
- Jesus does something classic, he uses a topic and brings out a metaphor to teach a Spiritual lesson
- Talk about Near-sightedness, going to the eye doctor
- Sometimes we are only looking at ourselves, thinking about ourselves, our prayers are only about ourselves, nothing wrong in that but we need to get this perspective too
- I believe Jesus is telling all of us to "OPEN YOUR EYES" (verse 35)
- The time is NOW, "Look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest", the Harvest is NOW

Open your eyes

- If you were to see what Jesus is seeing
- He is obsessed with lost things (Luke 15- lost sheep, lost coin, lost son)
- Example of losing something valueable
- Example of a Father losing a child, the Father is wired to nothing but find that child!
- You seated here with the Word of God in your heart
- Jesus is looking for people to open your eyes and see the world that He's saving

3 Thoughts as we Open Our Eyes

- **WHERE:** Each of us has a place we need to go, to build God's kingdom.
- **WHO:** we are living in a world of sin and sinners. Jesus ultimate mission was to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). People are lost and seeking for answers. We need to be people to recognise these people and bring the gospel
- **WHAT:** What is man's greatest need? If our greatest need was information, God would've sent us an educator. If our greatest need was money, God would've sent us an economist. If our greatest need was pleasure, God would've sent us an entertainer. But, our greatest need is and will always be FORGIVENESS... Forgiveness from our Sin. That's why God sent us a SAVIOR!

We need to show them who this Jesus is... The church needs to show the World who Jesus is. Jesus in John 1:14, is Full of Grace & Truth!

People need Jesus, The World Needs!

Litmus test

- Does your heart burn for this mission? Because we know God's heart is...
- Acts 17:16-18; Paul was greatly grieved when he saw the spiritual state of Athens
- Romans 9:1-3. Does your heart ache for lost people?
- Luke 19:41; Jesus looked at Jerusalem and wept
- India has the largest set of young people, my heart burns for our generation to see JESUS

In Conclusion

- We have the Gospel, the keys of the Kingdom of heaven as mentioned by Jesus in Matthew 16:19, people need the Gospel.
- May we bring the Good News of the Gospel wherever we go
- May we be the salt and light to our cities, nations and the world!

