

1-11-15

“The Privilege of being part of the Process”

John 4:30-42

Sowing seeds, cultivating, and reaping rewards together...

I. The spiritual _____ derived from evangelism. Psalm 40:8

A. Doing the will of God provides much needed nourishment for the _____. Luke 19:10

1. Matthew 4:4, 2 Corinthians 4:16-17

B. Jesus was teaching the disciples about their future _____ mission.

1. Philippians 4:10-13

2. Jesus began in Jerusalem (2:23), proceeded to Judea(3:22), and now ministered in Samaria(4:4). The disciples would receive the same blueprint in Acts 1:8.

C. Jesus shows us his providence again as he predicted more _____ to come.

1. He was not only too excited to eat over what had just happened, but looked forward to the crowd of people that would come ready to receive the truth.

2. This would likely lay the foundation for the future ministry in Samaria.

- We will never fully know the compound effect of the gospel!

II. Faithfulness like _____ in the midst of the harvest.

A. They needed a _____ and readiness to share with whomever.

1. The disciples had likely engaged in conversation with the very villagers making their

- The crops were planted in November and harvested in April, but like the green grain which was white on top at harvest. Now here came the white robed people of Samaria

across

the fields ready for truth.

2. They would see an unprecedented response from the Samaritans they overlooked.

B. They would soon _____ the fruit of other's faithfulness.

1. The Samaritan woman showed tremendous urgency leaving her water pot and running to the village to share the good news.

2. What was once a source of shame was now a part of her testimony.

C. Reaching lost _____ is not a competition among believers, but rather a cause for mutual celebration.

1. God will use many in the process of sowing, cultivating, and harvesting. I Cor. 3:6-9

2. They were going to reap the rewards of other's labor. He is likely referring not only to the Samaritan woman, but perhaps John the Baptist who had been baptizing in that region. We get to join the harvest! Matthew 9:36-38

III. _____ with new believers is important to growth.

A. Jesus _____ and poured into these new believers showing us a pattern for discipleship.

1. It's so important to reinvest truth in others! Ps. 145:4, Titus 2:4,6, 2 Timothy 2:1-3

B. They absorbed Jesus' teaching like a _____!

C. We have the first group of witness' proclaiming that Jesus is the _____.

1. They understood what many Hebrews never would, and the disciples were yet to fully

understand concerning Jesus' purpose. They grasped the person and the work of Jesus Christ.