

## **It's Harvest Time**

**John 4:27-38**

### **Introduction**

**“The evangelistic harvest is always urgent. The destiny of men and of nations is always being decided. Every generation is strategic. We are not responsible for the past generation, and we cannot bear the full responsibility for the next one; but we do have our generation. God will hold us responsible as to how well we fulfill our responsibilities to this age.”**

**-Billy Graham**

It is here where we pick up our text. Look at verses 31-38. Our text reveals four things to us about introducing others to faith in Christ.

**I. Working The Harvest Is A \_\_\_\_\_ And \_\_\_\_\_ Work. - (4:32-34)**

**II. Working The Harvest Is An \_\_\_\_\_ Work. (4:35)**

**John Phillips, the great British commentator says, "If the fields were ripe then, what must they be now as we stand at the other end of the long dispensation of grace? The sun burns across the sky. Millions, still untold, lift up their anguished voices to the heavens. The church has dillied and dallied with the great commission, careless, for the most part, of the tragedy of a soul dying in nature's darkness. The terrible indictment of Psalm 142:4 which says, "No man cared for my soul," will be raised by a million million voices at the last day. How will we ever explain our lethargy and neglect when the charge is referred to us by the billions of our own generation who will say to God, "I never knew you had a Son"? Are we any less culpable than those first disciples who saw in the woman of Samaria not a mission field, but one whom they could afford to despise?"**

As the song says, "Millions grope in darkness, waiting for Thy word, set my soul afire Lord, set my soul afire."

### **III. Working The Harvest Is A \_\_\_\_\_ Work - (4:36-38)**

So often we are tempted to believe that soul winning is something we must do individually, when in reality it is a joint effort, a shared work among those who are followers of Christ.

### **IV. Working The Harvest Is A \_\_\_\_\_ Work (4:36)**

Look at verse 36, "**So that he who sows and he who reaps may \_\_\_\_\_ together.**"

Read **John 15:7-11**

#### **Conclusion**

Nothing should thrill a Christian more than seeing a lost person come to Christ unless it is actually being used by God to help that person into the kingdom.

- **Have you ever known that joy?**
- **Have you ever known the joy of leading someone else from the darkness of sin into a relationship with the Light of the world?**
- **If not, why not?**