

Central Church of Christ
POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
John



A PERIOD OF DISRUPTION
The Border of Who Belongs
John 4:27-54 || August 2, 2026

WELCOME

We're Glad You're Here!

We know visiting a church for the first time can feel intimidating.

Our goal is to help you feel at home and **point you to Jesus**.

Here's **what to expect** in our worship today:

We sing acappella (voices only), take the Lord's Supper, offer prayers, and listen to a message from the Bible. **You are welcome to participate with us as** much as you are comfortable.

After worship concludes, we offer **Bible classes for all ages**.

You're welcome to stay and join whichever class fits you best.



Before the sermon, **children ages 2-7** are invited to a special time called **Wee Worship**, where they can enjoy Bible stories, songs, and age-appropriate activities in a safe, welcoming environment.

Aug 2: The disciples go "back to school" with Jesus.

Lesson Text: Matthew 16:15-16

For those 8 years old and above, **complete the fill in blanks** in this handout and show the preacher or one of the elders for a special treat or TWO Bible Bucks to spend at Central Park.

SERVICE ORDER

August 2, 2026

Announcements

Call to Worship

Step By Step

Glorify Thy Name

Prayer

Be With Me Lord

Shane Robinson

Steve Griggs

David Byerly

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Nestor Pozo

John Cox

Prepare For Communion

How Deep the Father's Love

Communion Prayers

Blue Skies and Rainbows

Children's Chat

Scripture Reading - John 4:27-38

Hide Me Away O Lord

Sermon

Pierce My Ear

Shepherd's Moment

All to Us

John Cox

David Byerly

Aidan Smith

Aidan & Josh

Mat Sane

Ross Jordan

Shane Robinson

Ross Jordan

George Brock

Andrew Boone

GREETERS

Chris & Kristy Akers; Linda Jackson; Sherrie Blalock

NURSERY

Meredith Milburn; Eliska Lee

WEE WORSHIP

Katie & Ben Holloway; Cami & Callie Pendley

SERVE COMMUNION

Tony Coley, Daryl Williams; Bruce Holloway; Jim Cook; Bryan Miller;

Ty Morrison; Les Waycaster; Ben Holloway

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:27-38, NKJV

“And at this point His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?” The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” Then they went out of the city and came to Him. In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.”



KEY WORDS

John 4:27-54

Marveled (thaumazō), v. 27. To wonder or be amazed, often at something that breaks expectation. The disciples marveled that Jesus talked with a woman. What shocked them did not surprise Him at all.

Food (brōsis), vv. 32, 34. The act of eating, or nourishment itself. The disciples brought bread, but Jesus named a different meal. Doing the Father's will is what sustained Him.

Harvest (therismos), v. 35. The gathering of ripened crops. The disciples counted four months until harvest time. Jesus pointed at Samaritans coming across the field and said the harvest was ready.

Savior (sōtēr), v. 42. One who rescues, delivers, and makes whole. The Samaritans gave Jesus this title before any Jew in John's gospel. They added two words that stretch it to its full size: of the world.

Honor (timē), v. 44. The value, respect, or weight given to a person. Jesus said a prophet has no honor in his own country. Familiarity can blind people to who is standing in front of them.

Implored (erōtaō), v. 47. To ask urgently, to beg. The royal official had rank and resources, but none of it could heal his son. He came to Jesus and pleaded like any other father.

For more study materials, visit ccocdalton.org/john

THE BORDER OF WHO BELONGS

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The disciples went into town for bread. They came back to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan woman and a whole village heading out to meet Him. The harvest was riper than anyone imagined and reached further than anyone expected.

The Waterpot Left Behind

John 4:27-30 || The Interruption

The _____ of the conversation (4:27). The disciples were surprised to find Jesus talking with a woman.

The _____ of the conversation (4:4, 9, 27). Jesus risked His reputation by speaking with her (Jn. 11:5; Lk. 7:36-50).

The _____ of the conversation (4:10, 23, 26, 28).
The woman came to the well for water and left thirsting for living water. She then forgot the very thing she came for.

The Food That Perishes

John 4:31-38 || The Priority

Jesus had a different kind of _____ (3:4; 4:15; 4:33).
The disciples left to get food and when they brought some back Jesus said He wasn't hungry.

Jesus had a different kind of _____ (4:34).
Obeying His Father's will sustained Him more than bread (17:4).

Jesus had a different kind of _____ (4:35-38).
Instead of pointing to the failures of the past, Jesus talked about the opportunities of the present (cp. Mk. 4:13-20, 26-29, 30-32).

The Harvest in Real-Time

John 4:9, 19, 29, 39-42 || The Harvest

Her _____ in Jesus deepened over time (4:9, 19, 29b). She moved from Jew, to prophet, to Christ, as Jesus changed her life.

Her _____ led others to Jesus (4:29a, 39). Her honesty about her own life provoked the people of her city to come and see.

Her _____ met Jesus because of her courage (4:40-42). This seemingly insignificant event shows how God works all things together for good. Revival broke out in a place people often avoided.

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John did not write this so that we would know more 'about' Jesus.

He wrote it so that we would 'know' Jesus. Jesus knows you and wants you to know Him.

The Food: **Seek His Will.**

Jesus found satisfaction in doing the will of the Father (Mt. 7:21). This included ministering to the people of Samaria. He gave His life so He could offer you living water that wells up to eternal life.

The Harvest: **Join the work.**

God was at work among the Samaritans before the disciples ever arrived. The same is true today. God wants to change communities through the transforming power of the gospel (Rom. 1:15-17).

The Waterpot: **Leave it behind.**

Leave behind anything that holds you back from Jesus. The time was now for her, and "now is" for us as well. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes. Come today, there's no reason to wait.

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Assembly Times

AM Worship

Sundays @ 9:30 AM

Sun Bible Classes

Immediately After Worship

Wed Night Meal

Will start back in September

Wed Bible Classes

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

Reoccurring Events

Ladies Bible Class

Tuesday @ 10:30 AM

LIFE Groups

Various times & locations

(Visit our website)

Food & Clothing

Tues & Thurs 10 AM-12 PM

(Go to office area)



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