



*Scriptures for further study*

Matthew 28:18-20 | John 3:16 | Acts 1:8

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*"We are launching this New Year with a new series that captures the theme we've adopted for 2019: GO! The World is Waiting..."*

1. What does God see when He sees our world?
2. In the Gospel of John, chapters 3 and 4, John completes his record of Jesus' two Gospel conversations: The first with a man named Nicodemus – a Jew. The second with a woman from Samaria – a woman of mixed race. Discuss the differences between these two individuals. What things did they share? What are some observations found in John 4:1-30?
3. Why were the disciples amazed Jesus had been talking with the woman at the well? What does "left her water jar" reveal about Jesus' impact on the woman? What do you think prompted the disciples' failure to ask basic follow-up questions (see v. 27)? Fear? Lack of interest? Confusion? Something else?
4. What do you think Jesus meant when He told His disciples to open their eyes and look at the fields ready for harvest? What have you heard people give as reasons for putting off doing God's will and work until a later time? What are potential dangers of believers' failing to see the urgency of doing God's work now?
5. Why did the disciples urge Jesus to eat? What does Jesus' statement about food in verses 32 and 34 reveal about what truly satisfies, particularly in the light of the previous discussion on living water? What were the disciples focused on? How might their focus have been different if their dependency on and gratitude for Jesus had been more like the Samaritan woman's?
6. What insights about evangelism & discipleship does Jesus teach us about sowing and reaping?
7. Jews in Jesus' day predominantly looked upon Samaritans with disdain, yet Jesus chose to first reveal His identity to a Samaritan – and an adulterous woman at that. What person or group of people are you currently critical of? How would Jesus interact with this group? In what ways could you use your relationship with them to exemplify Jesus' grace and goodness? How could it draw you both into a deeper relationship with Him?
8. What does God see when He sees you?