

May 16th – My Priorities

“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!” (John 4:34-35)

If someone asked you to rank your priorities in order, how would you list them? Many people would include spouse, children, other family, work, hobbies, etc. Some people might even include God and the church. If we're honest, we'll admit that we let our priorities get out of whack. There are times when we get more passionate about temporary things than eternal things. For example, sometimes we spend more money on ballgames and movies than we do the church & missions.

After Christ's encounter with the woman at the well, the disciples urged Jesus to eat some lunch. After all, it was the middle of the day. Jesus said, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” The disciples did not know that He was attempting to lead a village woman to the Lord, nor did they know that through her the entire village would hear about Jesus. Jesus helped the disciples to understand – “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work.”

When you think about it, eating is high on our list of priorities, right along with breathing, drinking, etc. And yet, just as important as food is, Jesus wanted us to know that salvation is even more important than our daily necessities. Imagine what it would be like if we were just as concerned about seeing others saved as we are securing our next meal. The Gospel would be shared much more, many more would be convicted of their sins, and we would experience a harvest like we've never known!