

My Food, His Will

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Let's Talk About It

This week, we learned that true satisfaction comes from aligning our lives with God's will and joining Him in HIS mission. As we encounter Jesus, He transforms our hearts, replacing our emptiness with living water that overflows into the lives of those around us. We are called to live with gratitude, pursue what is good, and become vessels through which others can experience His love and truth. The harvest is ready now, and God invites us to open our eyes, step into His mission, and bring people to Him.

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Discussion questions:

1. Which part of the message impacted or challenged you?
2. Jesus said, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me." What are some things we turn to for satisfaction, instead of God? How does doing God's will bring a deeper sense of purpose and fulfillment? Do you remember a time you were outside of his will?
3. Read John 4:7-15. The woman at the well encountered Jesus and went back to share her experience with others. Have you had an encounter with Jesus that's changed your life? Share with the group what it was. Is there someone you know who could benefit from hearing your story?
4. The woman left her water jar behind to tell others about Jesus. Is there anything in your life that distracts you from God's purpose or that you need to surrender to Him so you can follow His will more fully?
5. Read Romans 12:2. It reminds us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds so we can discern God's will. What are some practical ways we can learn to recognize God's direction in our everyday decisions, especially when it sounds like His will differs from our own? Can you share a time when following God's leading required you to surrender your own plans or step out of your comfort zone?

Take a Step

Jesus told His disciples to open their eyes because the fields were ready for harvest. Who in your life might God be inviting you to reach out to, encourage, or share Jesus with, and what is one step you can take this week?

Here's My Prayer

Lord, thank you so much for letting us join in your plans and incorporating us into your will. Please help us to better hear your voice, and be obedient to what you are speaking to us. Lead us to others who need to know about You, and will benefit from hearing how you have changed my life...and give me the boldness and opportunity to share my story. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen

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