

EVANGELISM FOR THE SIDE-TRACKED

John 4:27-38

Believers need to be alert to those around us and the opportunities we have to give the gospel

I. THE DISCIPLES MISTAKES

A. A FOCUS PROBLEM (27)

1. Amazed that Jesus spoke with a woman!
2. They're unconcerned about the conversation only the contact (a woman!)
3. Though they're surprised by Jesus' actions they are not irreverent
4. They overlooked a women
5. Who do we overlook?

B. A FOOD PROBLEM (31)

1. They are not concerned about the women who is walking away (28)
2. They are only concerned about Christ's comfort
3. They were more focused on Christ's meal than His mission (or message)
4. They were passionate about temporal and trivial things ... Let's eat!
5. What about us?

C. A FIELD PROBLEM (35a)

1. Their goal was Galilee not Samaria (cf. v.3)
2. They were future focused
3. They were in "maintenance mode"
4. They were neglecting the obvious
5. Do we have a problem overlooking the obvious?

II. THE MASTER'S MISSION

A. DEVOTED TO A FALLEN WOMAN (7-27) > His focus

1. An offer of living water (6-14)
2. An obligation that she realizes her need (15-18)
3. An obstacle with understanding the nature of God (19-24)
4. An opportunity to accept Jesus as the Messiah (25-26)
5. An outcome with Sychar's citizens coming to Christ (28-30, 39-42)

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B. DEVOTED TO HIS FATHER’S WAYS (32-34) > His food

1. The Possession (32-33)
 - Jesus was satisfied but the disciples were stupefied
2. Christ’s Passion (34)
 - Doing God’s will and finishing God’s work
3. Our Position
 - a. Can we be satisfied with what satisfied Jesus?
 - b. We need to be satisfied with obedience and submission to God
 - c. We tend to focus only on “results” and get discouraged if they don’t come

C. DEVOTED TO HIS FOLLOWER’S WISDOM (35b-38) > His field

1. Look at the Fields! (35b)
 - Lift your eyes and learn about fields
2. Look at the Timing (36a) > “Already!”
3. Look at the Rejoicing (36b)
4. Look at the Principle (37-38)
 - a. Reality (37) > One sows another reaps
 - b. Responsibility (38) > You have been sent to reap

CONCLUSION:

Jesus “needed” to go through Samaria (v. 4)

- For the Women at the Well, the citizens of Sychar and His side-tracked disciples

So often we get side-tracked and therefore ...

1. We do not see the people (a focus problem)
2. We do not see the priority (a food problem)
3. We do not see the plan (a field problem)

Jesus was teaching that we should be telling ... God help us not to get side-tracked