



Believe

JOHN

MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Jesus' Precedent for the Gentile Mission

Bible Reading: Genesis 12:1-3 & John 4:4, 23b, 27-42

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The Historicity of Jesus' Mission to Samaria

A God Of Mission (Gen. 12:1-3)

- A. Blessed Abraham (12:2)
- B. Abraham was to be the channel for God's blessing to all people (12:3b)

Three Words that Point to God's Mission in John 4 (Jn. 4:4; 23b; 34)

- A. Jesus 'had to' go through Samaria (4:4)
- B. God the Father is 'seeking' people (4:23b)
- C. God the Father 'sent' Jesus (4:34; 5:30; 6:38)

Through the One, Many Believed (Jn. 4:27-42)

- A. On God's mission, Jesus violates the social barriers (v. 27)
- B. The woman becomes God's witness (4:28-30)
 1. Invites – "Come & see" (v. 29a)
 2. Personal experience – "He knows me inside, out" (v. 29b)
 3. Uncertainty – "Could this be the Messiah?" (v. 29c)
- C. Jesus helps his disciples to understand God's mission (4:31-38)

1. God sent me to do this (v. 34)
2. Two correctives (vv. 35, 37)
 1. There is no need to wait – *“There is still four months until harvest”* (v. 35)
 2. We are all working together – *“One sows, & another reaps”* (v. 37)
3. I am sending you (v. 38)
- D. The Samaritan harvest (4:39-42)
 1. Many Samaritans believed in Jesus based on the woman's words & experience (v. 39)
 2. The Samaritans came to Jesus & invited Jesus to stay with them (v. 40)
 3. Many more Samaritans believed when they had their own encounter with Jesus (v. 41)
 4. The Samaritans declare Jesus to be the Saviour of the world (v. 42)

Application

- A. Disciples have uncertainty
- B. Don't wait to witness
- C. Is he your Saviour?
- D. Don't impose your thoughts upon the text
- E. The role of women in church ministry
- F. Challenging the Status Quo