

Gospel of John 4:28 – 43

New American Standard Version

1 So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and
2 *said to the men, “Come, see a man who told me all the
3 things that I *have* done; this is not the Christ, is it?” They
4 went out of the city, and were coming to Him. Meanwhile
5 the disciples were urging Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But
6 He said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know
7 about.” So the disciples were saying to one another, “No
8 one brought Him *anything* to eat, did he?” Jesus *said to
9 them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and
10 to accomplish His work. Do you not say, ‘There are yet
11 four months, and *then* comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to
12 you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are
13 white for harvest. Already he who reaps is receiving wages
14 and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows
15 and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this *case* the
16 saying is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to
17 reap that for which you have not labored; others have
18 labored and you have entered into their labor.” From that
19 city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the
20 word of the woman who testified, “He told me all the
21 things that I *have* done.” So when the Samaritans came to
22 Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He
23 stayed there two days. Many more believed because of His
24 word; and they were saying to the woman, “It is no longer
25 because of what you said that we believe, for we have
26 heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the
27 Savior of the world.” After the two days He went forth
28 from there into Galilee.

Observation – *What does it say?*

Interpretation – *What does it mean?*

Application – *What does it mean for me?*

What words are repeated in the passage?

Connect the repeated words. What patterns or groupings do you see?

What figurative language or images are used?

What are the connections between the different images?

What is the connection Jesus is making between food and harvest and sowing and reaping and labor?

What is the motivation Jesus is offering to His disciples? How motivating do you find His words?

What other questions does the passage raise for you? What other aspects of this passage would you like to explore?

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Questions for further thinking:

- *What is the connection between reaping and wages and fruit and eternal life (line 13-14)?*
- *The woman raised the question about Jesus being the Christ or Messiah (line 3). The Samaritans said He is the "Savior of the world." How would those two descriptions compare? How would they contrast? Why would they move from considering Him to be the Messiah to affirming He is the Savior of the world?*