

### **Sermon-Based Discussion Guide**

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# **SCRIPTURE**

John 4:31-38

#### **ENGAGE**

What thoughts or pictures come to you mind when you hear the word "evangelism"?

#### **DISCUSS**

- 1. Read the passage from John above. What do you like about the passage and what challenges you?
- 2. Another related passage is the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20. The tense to the word "go" literally means "as you go." What environments do you have in which you could share the gospel "as you go"?
- 3. How do we need to patient as we share the gospel with others?
- 4. The work of salvation is God's work. We as humans can't save anyone—we just share the good news. How does that make you feel?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. <sup>35</sup> Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. <sup>37</sup> Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."

- 5. Have you ever seen some who was too bold in sharing the gospel? How do we walk the line between being bold, yet at the same time respectful in sharing the gospel?
- 6. Another line we have to walk is to be prepared but not unnatural. How can we be prepared? How can we be natural?
- 7. In John 20:21 Jesus says, "As the Father sent me, so I send you." Is Jesus talking to us in this passage?
- 8. What do you believe keeps most believers from sharing the gospel with others?
- 9. What can keep our gospel presentation really authentic?
- 10. Read the following verses and chose one or two to memorize this week.

John 3:16 Romans 3:23 Romans 6:23 Romans 10:9-10

### YOUR NEXT STEP

As we close, share one person who you will seek to reach in the next three months. Commit to pray for them daily and open spiritual conversations with them.

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

- 1. Read Matthew 28:19-20. What does it mean for us to go?
- 2. If you were going to share the gospel with someone, what all would you include? Read these passages and discuss the most important parts of the gospel.

Romans 3:23 Romans 6:23 John 3:16

# **OTHER PASSAGES SITED**

Matthew 28:19-20

Acts 1:8 1 Cor. 3 2 Cor. 4:7 Matthew 4:4 John 17:18 John 20:21 Matthew 11:18 1 Peter 3:15, 16