

## ALWAYS AT WORK

John 4.31-54 // July 26, 2020

### THE TRUE FOOD

Food gives us life, it gives us energy, it sustains us, and by extension, it gives us joy as we savor the flavors and conversation and fellowship that go with it. But Jesus tells His disciples of a greater food that gives greater life, energy, and sustenance, that has more dynamic flavors and conversation. His food is to feast off of being about His Father's business; doing His Father's will.

After His conversation with the Samaritan woman, He implores His disciples to look up and see the many people who are ready to not only hear the Gospel, but believe. Even the Samaritans! This is what energizes and fuels Jesus: seeing sinners be saved and His Father glorified by them!

### THE UNWELCOME WELCOME

John 2.24, 25 // Mark 7.6

He later goes up to His home region, where He knows He will be welcomed, but not honored. The people welcome Him, but He sees right through it. He knows what is in the hearts of men, and He immediately calls them out. They don't want *Him*, they want his miracles and blessings. They will welcome His works, but will not honor His majesty.

**It is entirely possible to welcome Jesus *into* your life,  
without honoring Him *with* your life;  
to welcome His blessings without honoring His majesty.**

### SUCCESSIVE RIPENING

Jesus is clear to His followers: now is not the time to sit around. There is *always* work to be done! Seeds have been sown into the minds and hearts of the proverbial "Samaritans" and "Galilean Jews" of our lives, and we are *surrounded* by them! God has sovereignly placed them all around us!

**1 Peter 1.23**

For us to be motivated and fruitful as workers among the harvest, we first must feed ourselves upon the true and greater food that God offers: doing His will.

When doing His will is our most passionate pursuit that we feast upon, we will settle for nothing less than wanting to His work unfold in our lives.

**God's glory is both the fuel of our strategy,  
as well as the goal of our vision.  
It is our starting point, and our ending point.**

## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**John 6:68-69**

<sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup> and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 3.4.31-54**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Such tremendous truths of God's salvation being given to two different people groups. What aspect of this story gives you "food" to feast upon and excite you as you look at the truths that this text reveals to us about the nature of the Gospel?

### Repent and Ask for Provision

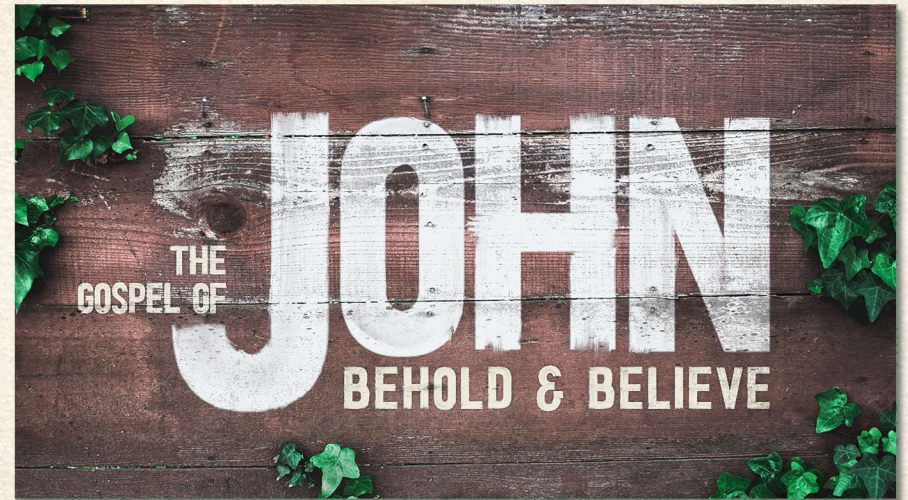
You have probably pre-judged a friend or family member, or given up on someone that you have shared the Gospel. This is a common act of the human heart, to look on the outside, whether it is their behavior or background or response, or our perceived ability or inability to share the Gospel well. We need to repent of this, because salvation is a work of the Spirit blowing where He wishes. We are the ones who proclaim, but He alone saves. What specifically do you need to repent of and ask God for heart change as it comes to sharing the Gospel with certain people?

### Your Life Mission

If you have lost hope or desire to share the Gospel, it is most likely because you have not been feasting upon the true food: doing the will of God as revealed in His Word. His Word *must be* our daily bread and feast. His Word changes our hearts and desires, and sustains us through times when our Gospel proclamation seems to be fruitless. But do not lose heart! He is at work, and someone else may reap what you have sown! Pray!!!

What relationships or conversations are upcoming that you could use prayer for? Maybe picking up a relationship you have been giving up on?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksaiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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