

WEEKLY GROUP GUIDE



Scripture: John 4: 27-42



Week of: October 5, 2025 — Missions Conference



Message Title: Two Views of God's Harvest



Speaker: Dr. Richard Trca

1. ICEBREAKER (5–10 MINS)

Think back over the past month—was there a time you felt God putting someone on your heart whom you might usually pass by? What were your first thoughts about that person, and how did the situation unfold?

2. READ TOGETHER

Have someone from your group read aloud John 4:27–42.

Ask: Jesus says, “Lift up your eyes... the fields are white for harvest.” Where do you sense Him telling you to “look up” this week—home, work, school, or your block—and what specific first step fits that place?

3. GROUP DISCUSSION (30–40 MINS)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: *(Use the most relevant questions for your group.)*

1. “Two views”: the disciples’ blind spot vs. Jesus’ harvest vision. Which assumptions most dull your urgency (about certain places, ages, lifestyles, backgrounds)? How can you trade them for Jesus’ perspective?
2. “He had to pass through Samaria” (v.4). Not a map need—a mission must. Where might God be giving you a “had to”—a person or place you’d usually bypass?
3. The woman left her jar and told her town (vv.28–30). What did she share—and not share? If you had 60 seconds with a neighbor, what’s your simple, honest story?

4. SALT from the sermon: Say something, Ask a question, Listen, Take it deeper. Which comes naturally? Which needs practice this week—and with whom?
5. “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me” (v.34). What competes with that “food” in your life (comfort, hurry, distraction)? What small change will help you stay hungry for God’s will?
6. “One sows and another reaps” (vv.37–38). Where have you seen partnership work—someone sowed, someone watered, someone reaped? Who could you team up with for one specific person?
7. Many believed because of her testimony; many more because of Jesus’ word (vv.39–42). How can our hospitality (meals, invitations, practical help) naturally lead people to hear Jesus’ word?
8. Hard soil doesn’t cancel harvest. What encourages you to persevere locally when response feels slow?
9. Bethel’s mission is to *proclaim the truth of Jesus and grow mature disciples for the glory of God*. What one concrete action will you take this week to proclaim (use SALT with a named person) and one to help someone grow (invite, read, pray together)?
10. Bethel’s core values call us to live out our faith through *worship, fellowship, serving, evangelism, Bible knowledge, prayer, giving, and missions*. Dr. Trca reminded us that Jesus calls His people to “*lift up your eyes*” and join Him in the harvest. Which of these values is God prompting you to lean into more this week as you take part in His harvest? What’s one practical way you can respond?

4. Prayer (10–15 mins)

Foster a spirit of obedience and bold witness.

Prompt:

Thank Jesus for seeking outsiders—and for seeking us. Confess the assumptions and fears that keep us silent or inward-focused. Ask the Spirit to help us “lift up our eyes,” notice people He’s already preparing, and step toward them with love and truth. Pray for gospel partnerships *here, near, and far*—for open doors this week, and for courage to be SALT among the people God has placed in our lives. Pray specifically for those God brought to mind during discussion.