



SERMON GUIDE

CELEBRATING A GOSPEL-INSPIRED LIFE

John 4:39-42 | Pastor Tim Porter

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Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations you are making about a passage
- A**pplications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

Getting to know me: Have you ever been involved in a project at work or school and halfway through realized that you were working on completely the wrong thing? What did you do?

Note about the passage:

Read John 4:27-42

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated" or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** What do you notice about the different responses Jesus got from the Samaritan woman and his disciples? Why do you think they were so different? Why would those details be included in this story?
- O** What do you think the "food to eat that you do not know about" is in verse 34? What is it a metaphor for?
- O** What do you think Jesus wants to happen in his disciples in verses 35-38? Use a "from - to" statement: Jesus wants the disciples to move from _____ to _____.
- O** What can we learn from the Samaritan people's response to Jesus? How can we participate in a similar response?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** As you've been reading, is there any "food" or "harvest" that you've been living for that you suspect Jesus would say, "This isn't what I made you for. This isn't what I've called you to do." What is it? What harvest is Jesus inviting you to see instead? What will you do?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction as needed.