THE FIELDS ARE WHITE FOR HARVEST BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW

John 4:27-42

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WHITE

- W-Wayward
- H-Hardened
- I-Impatient
- T-Tired
- E-Empty

The harvest is ready

What should we do?

- What do you do with a ripe Mango
- Eat it
- Prepare juice
- Send it as a gift
- Etc
- Make a commitment to raise one more labourer for the harvest

Our schools and Campuses

- Lawlessness
- Immorality
- Cultism
- Drug addiction
- Sex for grades
- Exam malpractices
- Terrorism
- No more night life again in many northern campuses

John 4:27-42 King James Version

27 And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman; yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat.

32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat?

- 34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.
- 35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.
- 36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.
- 37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.
- 38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.
- 39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.
- 40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.
- 41 And many more believed because of his own word;
- 42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Matthew 9:37-38 (KJV)

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Wheat ready for harvest





Lessons from John 4:27-32 Harvest time was April in Israel

- 1. The work of harvest is urgent
- 2. The time for harvest is now! Spiritual harvest is always! Don't wait for 4 months:
- 3. The greatest Reaper: 158,686 deaths per day; WHO 105 people die per minute
- 4. The woman left her waterpot to go into the city and invite others: harvest brings more harvest.
- 5. The farmers fear about harvest: wheat rot on the ground, birds eat up the harvest
- 6. Look out for opportunities: lift up your eyes and see opportunities
- 7. God has promised: harvest and reward for harvesting
- 8. Evangelism is a work of partnership-OT to NT and to our time

George Whitefield (1714-1770)

George Whitefield is noted as a phenomenon in the history of Christianity. There has been nothing like the combination of his preaching pace and geographic extent and auditory scope and attention-holding effect and converting power.

Whitefield was an outstanding Anglican preacher in the eighteenth century, who decided to pour himself out for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

He was one of the spearheads of the Great Awakening, which was a period of massive renewal of interest in Christianity across Western societies and a time of significant church growth. Whitefield was a riveting orator, who invested great zeal and passion towards the spread of the Gospel.

From his first outdoor sermon on February 17, 1739, at the age of 24 until his death 30 years later on September 30, 1770,, his life was one of almost daily preaching. He preached almost six hours a day, seven days a week.

It is estimated that he preached about 1,000 times every year for 30 years.

George Whitefield died at the age of 56 years. He preached even until the point of his death. After preaching to a great congregation in Newburyport, Massachusetts, many of them followed him back to his lodgings, urging him to preach to them again. After preaching again till nighttime, he finally left them and went upstairs. He died that night. He was buried beneath the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church in Newburyport, Massachusetts, where he had preached his last sermon.

The lesson we can learn from George Whitefield's life is to constantly give our all to The Lord

Bishop Latimer and Bishop Ridley

Latimer said, 'Be of good comfort,
Master Ridley, and play the man;
we shall this day light such a
candle by God's grace in England
as shall never be put out'

Action Points

- Jesus seized the opportunity to preach the whole counsel of God to the woman of Samaria
- 1. Operation Raise One Labourer (OROL): before end of year!
- 2. Launch FCS National Alumni (All current Campus Alumni Presidents, FCS ND and Director of Ministry, Director of Missions and Associates and TSs): TOR include meet physically once a year and monthly online, renew the FCS vision, Mobilize to join AFCS and create new ones, raise funds for FCS Ministry (One tithe a year), start with State Alumni Chapters by appointment, sponsor radio and TV programmes once a week or month). Within one year!
- 3. Meet with Bro Caleb Mutfwang and recast the FCS vision with him: Before Inauguration