

Digging Deeper: John 4:27–38

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Day 1

As you read the verses 27–38 of John chapter 4, be praying consistently for God to show you what He has for you to learn. Why are the returning disciples surprised to see Jesus talking with the woman at the well? What does the woman do next? How do you think she knew the Messiah was coming and that He would know and reveal the hearts of believers? Why do you think she's motivated to share about Jesus? When was the last time you shared about Jesus to someone you know?

Day 2

Pray about what God wants you to learn today as you dig deeper into His Word. Read John 4:27–38. The disciples had been away in town to get some food (verse 8). What were they urging Jesus to do? How did Jesus respond? How does this compare to what Jesus already said in verse 10? If He wasn't talking about food, what do you think He was talking about?

Day 3

As you pray to God, thank Him for His mercy, ask Him to search your heart, confess your sins, and ask forgiveness for your sins. Read John 4:27–38. When Jesus talks about food that they don't understand, what is He talking about? Think about a time when you were the most hungry. Now check out verse 34 and compare that hunger with what Jesus says. How are we to find true nourishment?

Day 4

Take a moment to pray and ask for discernment on what the Holy Spirit wants you to learn today. Read John 4:27–38. Read and meditate for a while on verse 34. How true is this for you in your life right now? How might you need, or be able, to grow in this area? Check out Psalm 40:8. Ask God for help to show you His will and His work for you to be doing for Him and His glory.

Day 5

Read John 4:27–38. Find a quiet place without distraction and pray. Jesus is talking about fields being ripe for harvest, but is He talking about crops for food? What is He really talking about? Check out Matthew 9:37–38 and Luke 10:2. It's not just hearing and reading the will of God but also the 'doing' part. How is doing the will of God "food" for you? How does this supply the same essential nourishment in your life that food does?

Day 6

Read John 4:27–38. How does it make you feel when you do a ton of work on something but another gets to take credit for the outcome of the work? When it comes to working for Jesus and sharing the Good News, how does Jesus feel about this? Does Jesus expect you as one person to do it all? Is there a time in your life when you are not working for Jesus? How does this change your answer to the previous questions when it comes to your work: your job, with your spouse, with your kids, your classmates? What does the harvest look like for you in your community?

