

# THE FIELD IS RIPE FOR HARVEST



*27 Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” 28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him.*

*31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” 32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” 33 So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” 34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. 35 Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. 36 Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”*

- 1) Read John 4:27-38. You may want to read from the beginning of the chapter for better context.*
- 2) What is unique or surprising to the disciples about Jesus' interaction with this Samaritan woman?*
- 3) Why might the disciples not say anything to Jesus about the interaction?*
- 4) The disciples urge Jesus to eat. What is Jesus' response to their urging? Did the disciples understand what Jesus is saying?*
- 5) What did Jesus mean by saying that His food was to do the will of God the Father? Have you considered what it means to be satisfied by doing the will of God?*
- 6) Look at the picture on this page. How does this picture connect to our story today? What does this picture make you think, feel, or experience? How might God use this picture to encourage or motivate you, in accordance to this passage?*