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Discussion Questions: **John 4:27-54**

In our last study, Jesus reveals that a genuine encounter with Him transforms believers into faithful witnesses, calls them to participate in God's harvest, and teaches them to trust His Word above visible proof. Through the contrasting responses of the Samaritan woman, the Samaritans, the Galileans, and the royal official, John demonstrates that authentic faith matures from hearing about Christ to personally believing in Him and resting confidently in His promises.

1. The Samaritan woman immediately shared her encounter with Jesus by inviting others to "come and see." Who was the person God used to first introduce you to Christ, and how did God use them in your life?

2. **Read John 4:27–30 together.** The woman left her waterpot behind after meeting Jesus. What do you think leaving her waterpot symbolized, and are there any "waterpots" (things you look to for satisfaction) that God may be asking you to leave behind?

3. The woman had no theological training or ministry experience, yet God used her to bring an entire city to Jesus. What does this teach us about sharing our faith? What often keeps Christians from talking about Jesus?

4. **Read John 4:31–34 together.** Jesus said, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me." Have you ever experienced greater joy through obeying God than through pursuing your own comfort? Share an example if you're comfortable doing so.

5. In what ways do you think our culture encourages us to pursue comfort over obedience? How can we intentionally cultivate the mindset that Jesus modeled?

6. **Read John 4:35–38 together.** Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes." What "distractions" most often keep your eyes fixed on temporary concerns instead of the spiritual opportunities God has placed around you?

7. Who is someone in your daily life (neighbor, coworker, friend, or family member) that may represent part of the "harvest" God has already placed in front of you? How could you intentionally pray for or engage that person this week?

8. **Read John 4:39–42 together.** The Samaritans moved from believing because of the woman's testimony to believing because they had personally encountered Jesus. Why is it important that our faith ultimately rests on Christ Himself rather than another person's faith?

9. Has there ever been a time when someone else's testimony encouraged you, but you later experienced God's work personally? What changed for you?

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10. **Read John 4:43–48 together.** Jesus said, "A prophet has no honor in his own country." What is the difference between admiring Jesus and truly honoring Him? How can familiarity with Christianity sometimes keep us from genuine devotion?

11. The Galileans welcomed Jesus because of His miracles, while the Samaritans believed His word. Why do you think people are often more attracted to what Jesus can do than to who Jesus is?

12. **Read John 4:49–50 together.** The royal official believed Jesus' word before seeing any evidence that his son had been healed. Is there an area of your life where God is calling you to trust His promises before you can see the outcome?

13. The sermon emphasized that "faith obeys before it understands." Why is that difficult for us? Can you think of a biblical example (other than this passage) where someone obeyed God before seeing the results?

14. **Read John 4:51–54 together.** When the royal official learned that his son had been healed at the exact hour Jesus spoke, his faith was strengthened. Looking back over your life, where can you now see God's faithfulness even though you couldn't see it at the time?

15. This chapter presents three different responses to Jesus: The Samaritan woman became a witness. The Samaritans believed because of His Word. The royal official learned to trust Christ before seeing the miracle. Which of these truths challenged or encouraged you the most this week, and what is one specific step of faith you will take before your next group meeting?
