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Willow Park South
Small Group Questions

John 4:31-38

- Please read *John 4:31-38* together at the beginning of your small group meeting.

After Jesus met with the Samaritan women at the well, His disciples arrived and urged Him to eat some food.

What was Jesus' response to His disciples?

What did Jesus say His 'food' was?

Why do you think Jesus compared food with doing the will of God and accomplishing the Father's work?

Just as He does in our own lives, Jesus dived into His disciples world by using an analogy of a harvest to teach them to live missional lives.

Although the earthly harvest was in four months, what 'harvest' did Jesus say was at hand?

With in our community should we expect that God has prepared a similar harvest for us to reap? How does this change the way we interact with in our community? Does this motivate you to share the Gospel?

Jesus states that in living a missional life, "One sows and another reaps" (vs. 37).

What does it mean to be a sower?

How does Jesus encourage us that our effort to share the Gospel with our friends, co-workers, and neighbors does not go to waste?

- It is implied with in Jesus' analogy that sowing is hard work and time consuming. Though we may not reap the harvest we can be confident that God is working through our labour to bring unbelievers to Himself by future means.

In order to be missional we need to talk to unbelievers about the Gospel.

Do you think we need to tell people about the Gospel if we show Jesus' love through our actions? Is this accurate with the what the Bible says?

- **Romans 10:14** (ESV) *“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?”*

Why do you think this mindset is often used as cop out for people to avoid taking the responsibility of sharing the Gospel?

Christ states that seeking the will of God should be as essential to our lives as eating our food. As it is God's will for us to bring unbelievers to Him, desiring opportunities to share the Gospel should be as natural and essential as desiring our physical nourishment.