



GUEST SPEAKER: REV. DON RICHMOND

Sermon Notes

Text: John 4:27-38

Title: Lift Up Your Eyes

3 Unchanging Principles of the soul-lifting gospel of Jesus

1. The Gospel is not self-consumed
2. The Gospel reaches into uncomfortable and unfamiliar cultures
3. The Gospel brings hope

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. Have you ever been on a missions trip? Where? How was the experience?
2. Which of our Mission Partners stands out to you as especially interesting? Why?

Study & Discussion:

1. Read John 4:1-26. What do you think of this encounter? What can this story teach us about missions?
2. Read John 4:27-38. How did the disciples react to Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman? Why did they react this way? What "food" is Jesus talking about? How does Jesus' metaphor of the harvest (v. 34-38) relate to his encounter with the Samaritan woman?
3. Read Colossians 4:2-6. What does this passage say about our responsibilities toward our Missions Partners (v. 3-4)? What does it say about our part in spreading the gospel (v. 5-6)? What does it mean for our conversation to be "full of grace, [and] seasoned with salt" (refer to Matthew 5:13)?

Application:

1. Jesus encountered the Samaritan woman at a well in the middle of town. It was a common gathering place for everyone in the town. Where are the "wells" in our community where we could go and meet with people?

2. Several times during his sermon, Don Richmond said, “This can’t happen without the work of the Holy Spirit and relationships.” What did he mean by that? Do you have a lot of relationships with people who don’t know Jesus? How can we start building these kinds of relationships (think back to some of Don’s personal examples). How can we invite the Holy Spirit into these relationships?
3. If you haven’t already, commit to including prayer for our Mission Partners in your regular prayer life. How will you remind yourself? How else can you support our Mission Partners? Can your Life Group do something?

Prayer:

1. Pray for our Missions Partners.
2. Pray that we would be bold enough to be missionaries every day, wherever we are.
3. Other requests
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