

# Signs Of A Healthy Church: It's Harvest Time

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John 4:35-42

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## **Using This Study**

## **O EXAMINE** His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

### **@ EXPLORE His Word**

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

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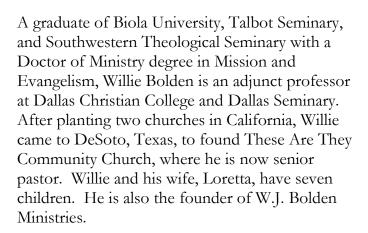
Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

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## **O EXAMINE His Word**

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

#### Read: John 4:35-42

- <sup>35</sup> Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest?' I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.
- <sup>36</sup> Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.
- <sup>37</sup> Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true.
- <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."

- <sup>39</sup> Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."
- <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days.
- <sup>41</sup> And because of his words many more became believers.
- <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

## **@EXPLORE His Word**

#### What does God MEAN?

1. What did Jesus do to engage this woman?

2. According to our text, what was this woman looking for?

3.	Why did Jesus send the disciples away?
4.	What method did Jesus use to engage her?
5.	How important is timing when you reach out to others?
6.	How important is listening when we seek to meet needs?

Why does this MATTER to me?	
ummarize your thoughts on the passage:	
Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO	
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