

Lift Up Your Eyes To See The Harvest Is Ready

John 4:34-38 (ESV)

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. 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. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

The story of Photine

Photine = enlightened one

The most common misunderstanding that we have about Photine is that her life was her fault.

John 4:16-18 (ESV)

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."

It is not always your fault.

A Samaritan

A Woman

Divorced 5 times

Lift your eyes off of what has happened to you.

Lift up your eyes to see the good news that is being given to you.

John 4:25-26 (ESV)

The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Jesus chose a rejected and dejected Samaritan woman to be the one to carry the good news to her neighbors.

John 4:28-29 (ESV)

So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?"

Jesus wants you to be a part of His harvest!

John 4:39-42 (ESV)

Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

3 tips to help you to bring good news to your neighbors

Leave behind the water jar

Luke 10:1-4 (ESV)

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.

You do not need to have all the answers

John 9:25 (NIV)

He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

What the Gospel knows about you is more impressive than what you know about the Gospel

2 Corinthians 4:1-2 (MSG)

Since God has so generously let us in on what he is doing, we're not about to throw up our hands and walk off the job just because we run into occasional hard times. We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don't twist God's Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God.

Many believed in Jesus because of her

Many more believed in Jesus because they met Him themselves.