



Growth group discussion questions

The best work of all

Personal preparation **BEFORE** the growth group meets:-

Read John 4.1-42. (our focus is on vv27-42)

1. How would you describe what the disciples were focused on throughout vv27-42?
2. Why are the disciples confused by Jesus' teaching?
3. What do you notice when you compare the woman and the townspeople with the disciples?
4. How do you understand Jesus' statement in v34? (Check out Jn 6.27-29 & Jn 17.4 also)
5. What truths does Jesus want his disciples to understand about "the harvest"?
6. Who's the model harvester in these verses? How is that surprising & exciting?
7. "We can be overly focused on the work of this age & putting food on our plates when there is better & more exciting work to give ourselves to." How does this quote connect with our passage?

WHEN the growth group meets:-

Read Colossians 3.17.

- a. As we come to the end of our short series seeking Wisdom on Work help each other to reflect back on what we've seen from the scriptures so far:-
 - a. Work is good
 - b. Work is hard
 - c. How to work
 - d. Work is not everything
- b. Share with one another any highlights, questions you had from Jn 4.
- c. Share with one another how the passage from Jn 4 gives us wisdom on the best work of all.
- d. Discuss how the passage from Jn 4 connects with this teaching from the apostle Paul:-

"The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." (1Corinthians 15:56–58 NIV11)
- e. Share how your thinking on work has been helped / challenged / confirmed in this series. What questions / challenges still remain?

Pray together.