We Are Mission-Minded

John 4v27-42

I INTRODUCTION

A) "Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't."[1] Mission is integral to our Christ-centred worship. Jesus said, "if you love me, you will obey my commands". So, in obedience to His command to make disciples, we train and resource for the gospel multiplication of disciples, leaders, and churches so that people from all nations might bend the knee to the Lord Jesus. We especially love to see churches planted and revitalized because we believe it is the most effective way to reach the unreached.

II WE WANT TO BE PEOPLE WHO CROSS BOUNDARIES (v27-30)

A) Jesus crosses various boundaries
   i) Geographic (v4) – led by circumstances and the Holy Spirit
   ii) Cultural/social (v7, 27) – speaks to a Samaritan woman
   iii) Pride (v7-9) – asks for help (1 Cor. 9v15, 19, 22)
   iv) Spiritual (v10) – makes statements which induce curiosity
   v) Personal (v16) – asks good questions to get to the heart

B) The disciples and the woman marvel at this (v9, 27)

C) The woman's shares her testimony (v29)

III WE WANT TO BE PEOPLE WHO CRAVE SPIRITUAL FOOD (v31-34)

D) Two kinds of food: physical and spiritual (v31-32)

E) Jesus defines spiritual food (v34; (John 5v30, 36; 6v38; 14v31; 17v4)

F) Jesus is the one who commissions us (Matt.28v19-20; Acts 1v8)

G) The Samaritan woman leaves her jar (v28; 1 Pet. 2v2-3)

IV WE WANT TO BE PEOPLE WHO SEEK SPIRITUAL HARVESTS (v35-38)

A) Two kinds of harvest: physical and spiritual (v35)

B) Evangelism important for the local church, as well as for the individual (v36)

i) In the spiritual harvest:
(a) Sower and Reaper rejoice together (v36)
(b) Some sow and others reap (v37-38)

C) Do we have eyes to see the harvest? (v35)

V WE WANT TO BE PEOPLE WHO CONNECT OTHERS TO JESUS (v39-42)

A) Being a witness means sharing how you've seen Jesus (v39)

B) Sharing your testimony leads people to encounter Jesus for themselves (v42)

C) Think spiritually about your life: what part did Jesus play in your career, family, marriage, parenting, etc.?

VI CONCLUSION

A) Do you lack the desire or drive for evangelism? Seek Jesus. Ask him to give you eyes to see and the desire to do. Take a step of faith in obedience!