

***Decide or Default: Will I Share My Story? John 4:28-42 ADBC 5-16/17-21***

John 4:28-42 - <sup>28</sup> Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” <sup>30</sup> They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

<sup>33</sup> Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

<sup>34</sup> “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. <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.”

**Group Discussion Questions:**

**Starter: Who first told you about Jesus? Why did you listen to them?**

1. Read John 4:28-30
2. In your opinion, why do most people not share their story?
3. What does it mean to the woman that Jesus might be the Messiah?
4. Read John 4:31-38
5. In your opinion, what prevents most Jesus followers from seeing opportunities to share their story?
6. Would you consider yourself more of a “sower” or a “reaper?” Why?
7. Read John 4:39-42
8. When people saw Jesus for themselves, they believed. What, in your opinion, might get in the way of people seeing Jesus?
9. To believe Jesus is the Savior of the world means you believe he is now part of your story. Could you share part of your story that Jesus has written? How has he worked recently in your life?