

**A recipe for joy: doing God's will and watching God work
(John 4.27-54; 01-31-21am)**

Central thought: There is great joy in talking with others about Jesus (36)

I. There is joy in sharing the gospel: the outcome is up to God (31-38)

A. Doing Kingdom work is spiritually nourishing (31-35)

B. Sharing the gospel with non-believers leads to joy (36-38)

II. The power of your story in helping someone believe in the gospel (39-45)

A. The woman's experience with Jesus causes others to believe in Jesus (39)

B. The words of Jesus sealed the faith of many more Samaritans (39-42)

III. Authentic faith is usually a process, not an event (46-54)

Summary for Chapter 4

1. There is no person or ethnic group beyond the scope of God's plan to save
2. There is great joy in talking with others about Jesus; being obedient to *sow & reap* fosters *rejoicing*
3. A personal testimony is given power when it puts a seeker in the presence of Jesus (through the Bible)

Invite: If you are interested in finding out about Jesus, do 2 things:

- (1) Go to someone who knows Jesus and ask that person to tell you what Jesus has done in his/her life

Ask them a hard question: what difference has it made in your life since you gave your life to God?

- (2) Read the Gospel of John. See what Jesus did; see what Jesus said; see what impact He had in that day
Ask God to show you how He can have that same impact on your life today.