

**Life Group Notes**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Speaker:** Andrey Bondarenko

**Title:** Open your eyes and see!

**Passage:** John 4:1-42

**The mentality of the workers of the Lord of the Harvest.**

*Why Samaria?* To help his followers see the breadth of the good news and their prejudices. *Why a well?* God works through us not only when we are strong, but even in our moments of weakness. *Why Samaritan woman?* "In simple conversation, Jesus connects with the Samaritan woman as an individual with her own special history and needs. In the narrative, she emerges as a person worthy of the gift of faith, and so Jesus turns to her. Jesus is full of love and is ready to destroy her sinful past. He stretches out his hands to her. Our failure to share the Good News is a signal of our failure to love. No one will want to share with us the joy of being at the source of living water until they understand that we enjoy their company. A person is indifferent to what I know, but it is important for him to feel that I care about him." Bruce Miln

**The language and the picture of the Kingdom of God (v35-38).**

*Build* - language and picture of the church. *Sowing and reaping* - the language and picture of the Kingdom of God. Sowing and harvesting are not competing seasons and not a matter of our choice, it is a work to be done according to season. *It is important not to miss the harvest season:*

- This is a story not only about the anointing and amazing communication skills of Jesus, but about a special spiritual season for this town and for Samaria as a whole!
- The scale of the harvest can be different - readiness for salvation of an individual, a family, an entire community or subculture, a city, a region, or an entire nation.
- Sometimes people are more ready for the Gospel and a radical decision to follow Christ than we think and are cautious and sensitive.
- Sometimes, as in Samaria, it is not very noticeable that the harvest is ripe, and we need someone to tell us about it!

**Application:**

1. Let's remember that everything that happens in the field is for the Harvest! Discuss.
2. Let's renew our commitment to be laborers together in God's field, fully focused on doing the will of the Master. Declare this and then pray for one another.
3. Let's personally and corporately spend time in the presence of God to understand what is happening in the Kingdom of God. Actually try to do this.