Point Someone To Jesus

Mark Roberts · John 4:31–38

INTRODUCTION

- Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up.
- We are weary in well doing. We try so hard to talk to people about Jesus Christ, and nothing happens.
- I think most of our evangelism problems come because we're making it harder than it ought to be.

1 God's Work Includes Reaping and Sowing

John 4:35; Mark 1:2–4

- Jesus says, if there's going to be reaping, there has to be sowing first.
- Evangelism is a process, it is a teaching process that takes time. Before you can reap, somebody, in fact, has to sow.
- Jesus had a forerunner, someone who came and sowed even before he came and did even more sowing.
- Maybe I need to sow before I try to reap.
- Somebody planted the word of God, and I can be, and you can be that somebody.

2 Sowing Is the Really Vital Work

John 4:38; Matthew 13:3–8; Acts 8:30

- The sowing thing, that's the really vital work. That's the work that really matters.
- When the sowing's been done and been done right, the reaping end of things is not hard at all.
- Sowing requires the hard work of cultivating.
- You can change people's lives by cultivating their hearts.
- Somebody's got to plant the word of God.
- Part of sowing is always nurturing the seed.

3 God Rewards the Sowers and the Reapers

John 4:36

- Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life so that the sower and the reaper may rejoice together.
- God doesn't have a star system.
- It has been said that in heaven, no reaper will ever celebrate alone.
- If there's any star system in the kingdom of God, who is the star? Jesus is the star.
- Sowing is absolutely necessary. And God gives the credit to everyone who sows.
- Evangelism is not about baptizing people. Evangelism is about teaching people, sowing the word of God.

4 Plant the Seed and Let God Give the Growth

1 Corinthians 3:6–8

- I planted and Apollos watered. But God gave the growth.
- One of the huge keys to everyday evangelism is to take the pressure off ourselves.
- We're called to plant and water and then let God give the growth.
- Judge each day not by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.
- In the New Testament, everyday disciples are evangelism. You don't do it. It's who you are.
- There's no script, there's no magic bullet, there's no gimmick. There's just you being who you are, who God made you to be.

THE CHALLENGE

So if you're not living right, this is it. You need to turn that around. If that's of public nature, you need to stand before your brethren and before the Lord. Could we help you do that?

MY NOTES