

The Reality, Readiness, & Rewards

Main Scripture: John 4:34-38

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- “Opening our eyes to the world and needs around us *is a choice we make.*” What do you think Rick meant by saying it is a choice we make?
- William Carey, a missionary to India once explained his mission work like this: “I have been lowered into a dark and dingy well and I need you to hold the rope so I can stay there.” Does that change your perspective on giving to missions? Explain why or why not.
- On a scale of 1 to 10, how important is a missionary in mission works? Also from 1 to 10, how important is someone who gives to that mission work? Did you rate them the same or one higher than the other? Discuss with the small group your answer and why you think that way.
- Rick said, “Don’t let excuses become your lifestyle.” What does an excuse-filled lifestyle look like? How do we stop ourselves from falling into that?
- “Souls matter to God so they should matter to us.” Where is your heart when it comes to the lost? Is it burning for a desire to see all people get saved or is it a weak flicker (or somewhere in between)?
 - Discuss with your small group how we can ignite or reignite our passion for the lost.
- “Loving God means loving lost people.” As a small group, find some Scriptures and Biblical examples to back that statement up. Discuss what you find.

Doing: Application

- People are ready to get saved NOW that won’t be ready 6 months from now. We’ve got to do whatever it takes! What are you as a small group doing to help God’s Kingdom come and see lost souls get saved? If you are not satisfied with what you are presently doing, ask God for some direction on how to reach out to the lost and the least.
- Find a cause that your small group is passionate about and start giving towards that cause. (You will be amazed at how much solidarity and excitement having a common cause that you fundraise for in your small group brings!)