**God’s Work and Church Chores**

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**John 4: 27-42**

Last week at North Phoenix Baptist Church, 100 people embraced Christ as Lord and Savior. What would happen if 100 new people became Christians this week at PVBC? What can PVBC do to get into that “Harvest?”

1. See the urgency of the opportunity.

“Don’t you say, ‘There are still four more months, then comes the harvest? Listen to what I am telling you, Open your eyes and look at the fields, for they are ready for the harvest.” v.35

1. Discern the difference between **church chores** and **God’s work**. “The reaper is already receiving pay and gathering fruit for eternal life.” v.36 Reaping for eternal life is God’s work. “My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work.” v.34
2. Pray for gospel conversations with persons of peace. “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could this be the Messiah?” v.29, 39 Her marital troubles had become her gospel testimony.

My story🡪Their story🡪God’s story.

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1. Add an invitation whenever sharing Gospel information. “If you knew the gift of God, and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would ask Him, and He would give you living water.” V.10
2. Cross emotional distance to have gospel conversations.

“How is it that You, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, talk a Samaritan woman?” she asked him. For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.” v.10, 27

Ask these questions:

* Am I ready to ask Jesus for living water?
* Am I ready to enter God’s work by crossing over to engage in gospel conversations?
* Am I willing to invite people to Christ and PVBC?
* Am I willing to make whatever changes are necessary to participate in the harvest of people for eternal life?