

Connect Group Study
Week #8 February 23-29, 2020
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ALERT! Good News Engaging in the Harvest

<u>Sunday's Teaching:</u> This week's teaching explored the "alert for spiritually lost people" implications which came from Jesus' encounter with a thirsty woman at Jacob's well (cf. John 4:1-42). The <u>KEY TRUTH</u>: **When following a seeking Savior, expect His challenge to alertly engage in the readied harvest.** Our Connect Group time will focus on how praying and engaging might change how we follow the Savior every day.

Let's get STARTED - discuss the following questions

- What is "alertness"? How would you illustrate what it means to be an "alert" person?
- How alert do you think you are to the ministry opportunities the Holy Spirit builds into your day?
- What dulls our spiritual alertness? What energizes (or "quickens") it?

Let's Explore in the WORD about readiness to work in the harvest. Answer the following questions exploring the Scriptures.

First, ABOUT WHAT are we as Jesus' disciples to be alert?

CHURCH LEADERS: Acts 20:28-32 (Paul's address to them):

THOSE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST: Matthew 24:42-43

Ephesians 6:10-20

1 Peter 5:6-11

Second, what do the following passages example (and/or) teach about being AWARE and ALERT to engaging in the harvest?

JOHN 4:31-38

ACTS 8:26-35

ACTS 11:19-21

COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

2 TIMOTHY 4:2-5

REFLECT: What do you think God <u>desires we be prepared to do well</u> when it comes to a witness? FINISH: Have each group member share, <u>prompted by these passages</u>, any personal steps he/she might begin regularly taking in order to be more alert to the opportunities provided by the Holy Spirit.



Let's Prioritize APPLICATION

(note: Timothy a pastor-teacher)

If you have time as a group (and didn't get to it last time), listen together to our **Beyond the Sermon** podcast, Episode #8. "What happens when someone trusts Christ?" You can find it on our CCC app!

As you finish, REVIEW THE HOT SHEET...and then READ

- John 6:43-45...and share with your group those for whom you are praying
- Then pray with your group that the Father may do His important work of *drawing* in their lives