

4. In your own words, to what is Jesus calling his new disciples (John 4:34-38)? What is he hoping that they will see with spiritual eyes on this trip over the next couple days (4:40-42)?

5. If you were to go on a mission trip, what would you hope God would help you to see with spiritual eyes?

6. If you have never participated on a cross-cultural mission trip, what would it take for you to participate in a trip? Would you give it serious consideration? If you've gone before, might God call you to go again, or possibly help send someone else who has not gone?

Let's Pray:

Sermon Notes

Benefits of Biblical Practices Sermon Series

"The Benefits of a Short-term Mission Trip"

John 4

January 25, 2026

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 01-25-2026

Getting Started:

1. Have you ever participated in a cross-cultural mission trip? What was it like? Share some details.

Digging Deeper:

2. Scan over John 1:19 – 4:54. Notice the movements and the chronology (see “the next day” [1:29, 35], “the third day” [2:1], “after this” [2:12], “Jesus went to Jerusalem” [2:13], “came into Judea” [3:22], left Judea through Samaria [4:3-5]). Notice these events occur before John the Baptist was imprisoned (3:24). So these events are very early in Jesus’ ministry (sandwiched between Jesus’ baptism/temptation [Mark 1:9-13] and John’s imprisonment [Mark 1:14]. Does it surprise you that Jesus would have intentionally taken his newbie disciples on a cross-cultural mission trip so early in their walk with him? Who do we normally expect to go on such a trip? What does it tell us that Jesus would do this very early?
3. Who does Paul take with him on mission trips? Consider Acts 13:5; 15:39-40; 16:1-3; 19:29; 20:4-5. Are there other traveling companions identified in the epistles? What can you learn about these individuals? How did they participate in the mission trip? Why is this significant that Paul would involve so many different individuals?