



11am Bible Study:
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Topic: Soul Food
Series Title: How to Have Eternal Life
Chapters: John 4:25-38 **Aug. 5, 2026**

Key Verse: John 4:31-32, NKJV, 31 In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “*Rabbi, eat.*” 32 But He said to them, “*I have food to eat of which you do not know.*”

Intro: _____

How can we notice soul food?

1. Notice the Reality of Being Spiritually Open - John 4:25

Question for Dialogue: Who do you know that is spiritually open, but hasn't accepted Jesus yet? Have you been planting and watering gospel seeds by taking those far from God to coffee, breakfast, lunch, dinner, or inviting them over to your home for gospel conversations, quick devotions, strategic questions?

2. Consider Her Shock, Awe, & Wonder - John 4:26

Question for Dialogue: What shocks you about Jesus?

3. Become a Person Who Incites Shock, Awe, & Wonder to Reach those Far From God – John 4:27

Question for Dialogue: We've gotten so far away from Jesus' way of reaching those far from Him that when believers begin using His methods to reach people who aren't in His family yet, it incites shock, awe, and wonder. **What can you begin doing differently from your typical approach to connecting with those far from God that may shock people?**

4. The Longing Inside The Spiritually Open Leads to *Excited* and *Hopeful* Seeking of Validation and Confirmation - John 4:28

Consider the Societal Opposers: Self-Righteous Pharisees, would have condemned her, the High-Minded and Exclusive Jews would have Judged her, those among her own people would have scorned and ridiculed her.

But Jesus, the one who said, Matt. 11:28-30 was speaking to her.

You get the feeling she was longing for Jesus, looked for Jesus: Someone to heal her pain, give her an identity, and deliver her from her escapes.

Question: When I got saved, I began to go into Christian settings I had never been in before, seeking whether the Word and the power of the Word could do what it said it could do. Could I really be victoriously spiritual? Could I really win

the battle against the sin-nature and Satan? I was seeking authentic friendships and people **who were really living their faith**. *“Prospects are not only looking for the gospel but for relationships where the gospel is lived out and expressed.”* Quote from Reach: A Team Approach to Evangelism and Assimilation. **Describe the excitement you experienced when you first accepted Jesus and how it led to you talking to others about Him. When was the last time you felt that type of excitement that pushed you to share your faith?**

5. Once We Encounter Jesus, We Have What's Needed to Draw Others to Christ - John 4:29-30

Question: When was the last time you told your 2-Minute Salvation Testimony?

6. Making Disciples Should Fuel Us, as it Fuelled Jesus - John 4:31-34

A Finished Work: **John 17:4** I have glorified you on the earth. ***I have finished the work*** which ***You have given me to do.***

LeRoy Eims, in *The Lost Art of Disciple Making*, notes, “What then did he mean in his prayer when he said, ‘I have finished the work?’ When you read the prayer carefully, you’ll notice that he did not mention miracles or multitudes, but forty times, ***he referred to the men whom God had given him out of the world.*** **These men were his work.** His ministry touched thousands, ***but he trained twelve men.***”

Question: Jesus’ food was “soul” food, the food of discipling to conversion, and then discipling to spiritual growth. Intentionally walking alongside someone, so that they’ll accept Christ, and when they accept Him, to help them to grow. **Who was instrumental in helping you to learn the ropes on the first big job of your career? How did they do it? What similarities can translate to helping people grow in their faith and live as Jesus intended?**

7. Notice the Ready/Ripe Harvest, the Heavenly Rewards and People Brought to Eternal Life, and the Team Sport - John 4:35-38

Question: *Do you see a ready harvest? If so, where and what do you need to go and harvest it?*
