

2. Plan with your co-workers activities for the up-coming week.

Identify the neglected ethnic groups that live near your flock

Pray together about what your congregation should do to serve these neglected people, and to share with them the Good News.

Visit persons who belong to that ethnic group to learn about their material and spiritual needs, and form friendships.

Learn about neglected ethnic groups in other countries and prepare a report to make to the congregation about them.

3. Plan with your co-workers the up-coming worship meeting.

Have the **children** dramatise the Samaritan woman at the well, and ask questions that they have prepared for the adults.

Report what you learned during the week.

Pray for neglected ethnic groups and for any missionaries who seek to reach them. Ask the Holy Spirit to give to your congregation apostles whom it will send to reproduce your congregation amongst a neglected people group.

To introduce the **Lord's Supper**, read from Isaiah 52:13 through 53:6. Explain that the Lord Jesus wants his salvation to go to all ethnic groups in every nation, and that believers in 1000s of ethnic groups are taking the Lord's Supper at the same time as we.

Memorise John 4:35, which tells us to look upon the ripe fields.

Prayer: "Heavenly Father, we thank you for giving us Jesus who died and rose to save us. Help us take this Good News to neglected people and other ethnic groups."

'Ripe Fields': Jesus and the Samaritans Jesus commanded us to make disciples amongst all ethnic groups.

Those who teach children should read study #74 for children.

Prayer: "Lord Jesus, please, show to our congregation the neglected people to whom you want us to take your Good News, and show to us whom we are to send to them."

1. Prepare you heart to see the "ripe fields" near your community.

Jesus and the Samaritans

Read **John 4:4–26** to understand the background of this event.

Read **John 4: 27–42** to see how Jesus views ethnic groups that have few believers.

Note: Jesus and his disciples were ethnic Jews. The Jews in those days regarded the Samaritans as unclean, untouchables

Find the following details.

- a) In verses **27 & 40**, how Jesus treated Samaritans whom others despised?
- b) In verse **35**, how Jesus told his disciples to regard the Samaritans.
- c) In verse **41** why Samaritans came to believe in Jesus.

[Answers:

- a) *He talked with them, treated them kindly, and stayed with them a few days.*
- b) *As fields ready for harvest.*
- c) *Because of Jesus' own words.]*

Jesus' supreme commandment to us about other ethnic groups.

Find in Matthew 28:16–20:

- a) In verse 18, where Jesus wanted his Good News to go.
- b) In verses 19 & 20, what we are to do for new disciples in every ethnic group.
- c) In verse 20, for how long we believers should keep taking the Good News to other ethnic groups.

[Answers:

- a) *To every ethnic group.*
- b) *Baptize them and teach them to obey Jesus just as we do with our own people.*
- c) *Until the end of the age when Jesus will return.]*

There are four places to where God's people should take the Good News. **Find in Acts 1:6–11** where Jesus commanded his followers to go.

- a) Where should we start making new disciples?
- b) Where should we go next?
- c) Where should we go after that?
- d) Finally, where should we go?

[Answers (in verse 8):

- a) *Jerusalem corresponds to our own town and ethnic group.*
- b) *Judea is our own ethnic group in other towns.*
- c) *Samaria corresponds to another ethnic group, nearby and similar to our own.*
- d) *To the 'ends of the earth' which means any neglected ethnic groups in any nation.]*

To which ethnic groups does Jesus want us to carry his Good News.

Note: 'Gentiles' include all non-Jewish ethnic groups.

Find in Romans 15:14–21:

- a) In verse 16, what makes other ethnic groups acceptable to God.
- b) In verses 18 & 19, where we get power to make disciples of other ethnic groups.
- c) In verse 20, where we should go to make new disciples?

[Answers:

- a) *The Holy Spirit makes them holy when they trust Jesus.*
- b) *From Christ and from the Holy Spirit.*
- c) *Where people do not yet have faith in Jesus.]*



Samaritans, today