

Last week in 2 Timothy 4:6-8 the message was titled, “Leaving a Lasting Legacy.” We were challenged to take personal inventory of our walk with God and make the most of our gifts from God and the unique opportunities each of us have to bring glory to God. The apostle Paul was confidently ready for his departure from this temporal world as he said, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing (2 Tim. 4:7-8).” It is certainly possible for us to have this same level of confidence and assurance, but it requires us to learn, possess, and maintain a proper perspective of a true disciple of Jesus Christ in and through all circumstances of life.

1. The Determined Destination – Jn. 4:1-6

- a. Jesus was following a route he later commissioned to his disciples: Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and Galilee (the Gentiles/uttermost) – vs. 3-4; Jn. 2:23; 3:22; Acts 1:8; Is. 9:1; Matt. 4:15

- b. Jesus’ need to go through Samaria (Sychar) – vs. 34; Lk. 2:49; 12:50

2. The Divine Appointment – Jn. 4:7-30

- a. A significant place – vs. 5-6; Gen. 23:17-20; 49:30-32; Josh. 24:32; Acts 7:16

- b. A seemingly insignificant hour – vs. 6; Acts 1:7; Eccl. 3:11

- c. A seemingly insignificant woman – vs. 7, 18; Lk. 12:7; 1 Pt. 5:7

- d. A significant encounter – vs. 7-30; Lk. 15:4, 8; Acts 17:27

