

THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT

LUKE 10

Text: Luke 10:2

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Introduction:

The Lord is now in the heart of His earthly ministry. Isn't it fitting at the heart of the Lord's ministry is the care concern and compassion for the souls of men. We can see another occasion that the Lord uses these words in Matthew 9:35-38.

(Matthew 9:35-38) "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. {36} But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. {37} Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; {38} Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Notice:

1. SAVIOUR'S OBSERVATION

A. Christ vision (Saw the multitudes)

1. The eyes of the Lord were always open to see the needs of the people

B. Christ compassion (He was moved with compassion on them)

1. When the eyes of the Saviour beheld men, His heart was moved to do something for them.

C. Christ appraisal (The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few.)

2. SENT ONES (VS 1)

(Luke 10:1) "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come."

A. Were common people

1. Not the disciples

B. Were commissioned people.

1. Commissioned by the Lord

C. Were concerned people

D. Were compassionate people.

E. Were considerate people.

3. SIZABLE NEED (VS 2)

(Luke 10:2) "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

A. The harvest is ready. (John 4:34-35)

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B. There is no shortage of needs.

1. The harvest is truly great.

C. Instructions in reaping. John 4:34-35

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1. Lift up your eyes
 - a. Don't focus on earthly things.
 - b. Stop focusing in on self.
2. Look on the fields.
 - a. See people as God sees them.
3. Realize that the need is urgent.
 - a. Don't procrastinate.

4. SAD COMMENTARY (VS 2)

(Luke 10:2) "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

A. Labourers are needed.

1. Too many spectators and not enough reapers.
2. Too many shirkers; not enough workers.
3. Not many expecting a great harvest.
 - a. Many are just trying to hold out until Jesus returns.
 - b. We need to be active and aggressive in reaping.
4. Reapers must have compassion toward the lost.

(Matthew 9:36) "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."

5. The need for reapers is urgent

(Matthew 9:37) "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;"

6. Reapers must not be lazy; this is demanding work.

(Matthew 9:38) "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

5. SOLVABLE PROBLEM (VS 2)

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A. Pray ye

Close:

Matthew Henry: "I would think it greater happiness to gain one soul to Christ than mountains of silver and gold to myself."

C. H. Surgeon: "I would rather be the means of saving one soul from death than to be the greatest orator on earth."

The harvest truly is great, and great can be the harvest if there are laborers to reap.