

Bible Study, In His Service 2, Week 1

Day: 1 The Harvest Is Ready

Read Luke 10: 1-16

1. What is the harvest that Jesus refers to in Luke 10:1-3?
2. What is the harvest that Jesus refers to in John 4:35-42?
3. In your opinion, what percentage of people is truly on their way to heaven?
4. Think about where you believe your harvest is. Be very specific.
5. How would you know that someone in your harvest is ripe?
6. What was Jesus' reaction when he saw that the harvest was ready? Luke 10:1-3
7. Name a couple of things that one can do to bring the harvest in.
8. Think about the following statement: "Only full time ministers and spiritual workers are responsible to reach out to people and to lead them to Christ".
9. Further Reading:
 - Matt 13:18-23. A Hundred fold harvest.
 - Mark 12:1-9. Called to reckoning of the harvest
 - Rom 2:4-8. The life of the unrepentant
 - Rom 10:11-17. How will the harvest be brought in?
 - Luke 15:1-7. A Heart and a passion for the harvest

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Day: 2 Expect Resistance

Read Luke 9: 57-: 62

1. How did Jesus prepare His followers for their task to witness? Luke 10:3
2. In what ways does the enemy try to discourage us to witness?
3. What kind of persecution did the Christians of days gone by experience?
4. What resistance and persecution can followers of Jesus expect today?
5. What is the cost of following Jesus according to Luke 9:57-62?

6. How will you encourage someone who is scared and reluctant to witness?
7. What did the disciples do when they lost their boldness to witness? Acts 4:31
8. Further Reading:

- Luke 14:25-33. The cost of discipleship
- Luke 9:23-27. Unashamed and unafraid
- Luke 13:31-34. Fear does not put out Jesus' passion
- Mark 10:17-31. A young man who is not prepared to follow
- 2 Cor 11:23-33. The price that Paul paid

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Day: 3 Speak Words Of Blessing

Read Luke 10: 1-16

1. What was the first step the disciples had to take when reaching out to people? Luke 10:5-6
2. How must we conduct ourselves in the presence of our enemies? Luke 6:27-28
3. In what ways and with which words can we bless people:
 - At work?
 - In our neighbourhood?
 - In the traffic?
 - In our family circle and around our friends?
4. How must we be tuned into others in:
 - Our country? 1 Tim 2:1-5
 - Our town? Jer 29:7

5. Further Reading:

Matt 18:21-35	Set free and forgive.
Matt 6:12-15	Speak forgiveness.
1 Corinthians 4:11-16	React in the opposite spirit.
Jas 3:3-12	The power of the tongue.
Eph 6:14-20	Prayer brings breakthrough for the Gospel.

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Day: 4 Be A Friend In Need

Read James 2: 14-26

1. If we want to help people to become followers of Jesus, we need to get close to their hearts. In what way can one build bridges to other people?
2. What did the disciples have to do to get spiritual access to people when they were sent out? Luke 10:8-9
3. Explain how one can use the following 3 resources in a practical way to reach people's hearts?
 - Your personal testimony of salvation. 1 Pet 3:15
 - Praying out loud with someone. Gal 6:2, Jas 5:14-16
 - Helping in practical ways. Jam 2:15-16
4. What difference is there between praying softly in your heart and praying out loud with someone?
5. What is the secret to hearing when God gives you an instruction to reach out to someone with prayer and practical help? Gal 5:25
 - Matt 6:2-5 Help someone in a financial crisis.
 - Rom 12:17-21 Do something good to someone who is antagonistic towards God.
 - Matt 8:5-13 Healing turns into salvation.
 - Luke 10:25-37 God love is practical deeds.
 - Col 4:2-6 Secrets to win outsiders to Christ.

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Day: 5 Scriptural Principles On Finance

Read Psalm 116

1. Why do you think the Bible has so much to say about money?
2. What do you think the reasons are that one's purse is often the last facet of a person's life to be converted?
3. Does one first have to pay all your commitments before you calculate your tithe?
4. What principles does one have to consider when calculating your tithe?
 - Hag 2:6-8

- Deut 8:17-20
- Mal 1:8
- Mal 3:7-12
- Ps 116:16-19
- Matt 6:24

5. Are you 100% sure that Christ is the head of your finances? Motivate your answer.

6. Further Reading:

- Luke 18:18-30 How does one invest in the heavenly bank?
- Deut 12:2-7 How must one give to the Lord?
- Matt 23:23-28 What did Jesus have to say about tithes?
- Amos 5:21-27 When is our offering an abomination to God?
- Luke 12:13-21 A rich man who lost everything.

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Day: 6. My Money Belongs To The Lord

Read 2 Corinthians 9

1. Why do some people dislike it when the church talks about money?
2. What requirement is given in 2 Corinthians 9:5-8 for the giving of your thank offering? (8 things)
3. Is it necessary to pay your tithe during difficult financial times and when you are going through tough times?
4. What do we learn from the Christians in Corinth about this 2 Corinthians 8:1-5?
5. Does one have to give your tithe to the church or can you give it to people and institutions as you wish?
6. What advice does one find in 1 Tim 6:8-10 and 17-19 for people who have money?
7. Speak to your children about their tithing. 1 Corinthians 16:2

8. Further Reading:

- Isaiah 1:10-20. What is important to God when you give?
- Luke 16:9-14. God tests your love for Him and for money.
- Acts 4:32-37. Prepared to make financial sacrifices
- Leviticus 25:35-38. Prescriptions for debt
- Matthew. 6:19-21. A safe investment.

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Day: 7. Growing To Maturity

Read Colossians 1: 24-29

1. Define Spiritual maturity. Colossians 1:28
2. What relationship exists between the pursuit of spiritual maturity and reaching the Delta 10 million dream?
3. What prevents people from growing spiritually?
4. What prevents growing to maturity according to?
 - 1 Peter 2:1-2
 - 2 Corinthians 13:9
5. Think about what has helped you grow spiritually.
6. Where do you see yourself on the following continuum?
 - Seeking
 - Just found Christ
 - Growing in Christ
 - Close to Christ
 - Christ Centred in everything
7. Further Reading:
 - Ephesians 4:11-16. How to become a mature Christian
 - Hebrews 5:11-6:3. What food makes you grow?
 - 1 Timothy 4:11-16. The secret that will bring growth
 - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-4. How can you see that someone is growing spiritually?
 - Luke 2:40-52. Jesus grows to maturity.

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