

Mission Mindset Quiet Time Series

March – The Faith for the Mission

Week 11: Believe the Harvest is Plentiful

Luke 10:1-2

- “The harvest is plentiful...”
 - Plentiful- polys (Greek)- many, above average in size, number, quantity, magnitude, or extent.
 - Same Greek word used in following passages:
 - “When Jesus landed and saw a large (*polys*) crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick...the number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children” Matthew 14:14,21
 - “During those days another large (*polys*) crowd gathered...About four thousand were present” Mark 8:1,9
 - This word *polys* is used to describe the large crowd measuring well over 5,000 and 4,000 people
 - Jesus says that the harvest is *polys*, that the harvest is large, plentiful, abundant.
 - *Do you believe that the number of people around you currently that are willing to become disciples of Jesus is ABUNDANT? Do you believe that the number of people in Lehigh that have open hearts to the gospel is plentiful?*
 - *Why do we struggle to believe that the harvest is plentiful? What do we easily believe the harvest is bare and scarce?*
 - “...but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore to send out workers....”
 - The problem is not with the harvest, the problem is with the workers. That there are not enough, and those that there are aren't willing and able to bring in the harvest, they don't believe or act like the harvest is plentiful.
 - *Do you pray more for God to send you open people or to make you into a bold worker?*
 - We are commanded to pray for God to send more workers, to send more men and women into the harvest fields to bring in souls to God, to clear schedules and desires and focus on reaching the incredibly abundant amount of people that the Holy Spirit is preparing for harvest.

Luke 10:3

- Right after the disciples pray for workers to go into the harvest fields, Jesus sends them. They in some ways are the answers to their prayers. Jesus commands us to go faithfully into the fields convinced that people are looking for the gospel, convinced that the Holy Spirit has “ripened” hearts for the gospel. We are to just do the work.

Matthew 10:5-11

- In the parallel Matthew account, Jesus gives specific instructions. To not get distracted, to go in faith and trust that God will provide for their needs, and then he says “search there for some worthy person.” By looking at the context we see that a worthy person is an open person, a person who is so receptive of their message that not only are they willing to listen, but they are willing to welcome the disciples into their homes and lives and identify with them and support them.

The harvest is plentiful, our only job is to find the open people. Jesus promises that there is an abundance of people that are open to the gospel, we just have to keep looking for them until we find them.

Application- This week, pray and fast to be convinced that the harvest is plentiful. Ask God to send workers and to make you into a better worker. Then go look for an open person. Clear time to find someone who is open to studying the Bible.