

Week 5 - Sent to the Harvest

RECAP FROM LAST WEEK:

Were you able to complete last week's application steps?

- What are you going to do this week to make peace in your relationships?

CONTENT:

Have you ever had a garden or tried to grow anything? What was your experience like? What happens when you don't take care of what you are growing?

Read Matthew 9:35-38.

What was Jesus doing in this passage?

Do you feel deep compassion for those hurting or suffering, yet we don't feel the same sense of compassion for the lost? Why or why not?

Why did Jesus have compassion on them when He saw the crowds?

LEADER'S NOTE: They were harassed, helpless and like sheep without a shepherd.

Do you believe the people in our city feel harassed, helpless and in need of a shepherd? Why or why not?

What was your life like when you wandered around this world without a shepherd? Who or what did God use to bring you to Him?

What is the Good News of the kingdom that Jesus was proclaiming?

LEADER'S NOTE: Have a few people share the Gospel as practice with the group. The Gospel is the Good News of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and that through our belief in Jesus we can be reconciled to God and live with Him for eternity (see John 14:6).

What does Jesus ask his disciples to do?

LEADER'S NOTE: He asked them to ask (pray) God to send laborers into His harvest field.

Why does Jesus ask us to pray for laborers? What does it do?

LEADER'S NOTE: Prayer is important because it aligns our hearts with God's heart and therefore changes the situation. This should result in us becoming the laborers in our neighborhoods and to the nations.

What happens when the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few?

Why are there so few laborers? Why do we not share if we know we should?

LEADER'S NOTE: Selfishness, lack of compassion, apathy, etc.

APPLICATION:

1. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest field (see Matt. 9:38)
2. Make a prayer list of people you would like to share the Gospel with and commit to pray for them.

PRAYER:

Oh God, we pray to you the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into your harvest field. Help us to be your laborers by going out and sharing your love with those around us and people all over the world. In Jesus name, amen.