

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Sermon Discussion Guide Series: Follow - Week 8

Follow Jesus into the Harvest

Recap the Highlights:

- Mathew 9:35 38 (ESV) "And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to the disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."
- Issue: Harvest is Plentiful.
- Problem: Workers are Few.
 - i. "Why am I not entering the Harvest?"
 - 1. The mission has become...
 - a. Secondary rather than <u>Primary</u>
 - b. Incidental rather than Intentional
 - c. Non-critical rather than <u>Urgent</u>
 - d. Inconvenient rather than a Way of Life

ii. "Where do I begin?

- 1. Begin where you Are!
- 2. Be a Witness. (Tell the story of your life.)
- 3. Offer the <u>Invitation</u>. (Regardless of whether or not they accept it.)

Now Dig Deeper:

- 1. Thinking about sheep without any protection, they live in fear and anxiously await their demise. They are helpless. Can you think of a time when you felt this? How does this impact the way you feel about fear and anxiety now?
- 2. Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few" What does this mean to you?
- 3. When you think about "Where do I Begin?" Where are you today and what is your next step?
- 4. What can you do to make your mission a way of life?

Respond & Pray:

• Pray as a group to be fulfilled with the Holy Spirit so that you know how to best grow the laborers for the great harvest.