

One of the things I challenge disciples in, is the arena of fruitfulness (winning converts)... This is something to contend for now, and get breakthrough in today! When you get on the field you will need these reference points!

In the passage we are going to look at; This is something Jesus challenged his disciples in!

Matthew 9:36–10:1 (NCV) When he saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them because they were hurting and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Jesus said to his followers, "There are many people to harvest but only a few workers to help harvest them. ³⁸ Pray to the Lord, who owns the harvest, that he will send more workers to gather his harvest." **10:1** Jesus called his twelve followers together and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and sickness.

I HARVEST HEARTS:

A- Having a passion for fruitfulness actually starts in the heart-

1. **Matthew 9:36** When he saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them because they were hurting and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

- a. Jesus had a heart for people... when He saw crowds, he thought about their condition, their eternity!
- i. That was in there! A heart for the Harvest!

B- If we are going to be concerned for the harvest, it has to be birthed in our hearts first!

1. Having a driving passion for broken people comes from God... Because its his heart!

- a. **John 3:16** For God so loved the world... God made a way to redeem humanity, because his heart is for his creation
- 2. So this is something we need to ask God for: Give me a heart for PEOPLE!
- a. **PG:** Give me a love for people and a passion for souls
- 3. The harvest heart is the starting point... Without a heart for this, it won't bother you, it won't hurt you inside-
- a. This was something I had to ask God for!

II HARVEST EYES:

A- When you have a heart for the harvest, you have EYES for the harvest!

1. **Matthew 9:37** Jesus said to his followers, "There are many people to harvest but only a few workers to help harvest them. ... DID ANY ONE ELSE SEE WHAT JESUS SAW?"

- a. The harvest is ready! People are ready! People need this! People are desperate for answers, hope, change!
- i. But do you see it? Do you notice it? Do you recognize it?
- ii Because Jesus had a heart for the harvest, He had eyes for the harvest!

B- Eyes for the harvest means you have an awareness for it.

1. You see potential opportunities... you see where people gather... you see possibilities... you see potential-

2. You think of ways to draw people... you think of outreach opportunities... you look for ways to reach people!

3. There is a concern for communities, people groups, There is a hunger for the harvest!

- a. What are some new ideas? Where are some new opportunities? What can we try?
- b. What old method still works, but just needs to be reimplemented?
- i. As a disciple, we were constantly looking for ways to work the harvest... it was at the forefront of our minds-
- ii Neighborhood outreaches, neighborhood crusades, Family Fun Days, Evangelism nights, Walk for Life, Rock Dramas, Theme nights, Battle of the bands, Raffle Concerts, Halfway House bible studies, new convert fellowships, Q&A giveaways, Drive-by Outreaches-

1. We had eyes, because we had a heart!

III HARVEST DISCIPLES:

A- The Hope of our passage is that YOU can be a harvest disciple... It is transferable-

1. **Matthew 10:1** Jesus called his twelve followers together and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and sickness.

a. What started with Jesus' heart and vision, it became their heart and vision-

b. What started by hearing my pastors heart and vision, became my heart and vision

c. What started with my heart and vision became my disciples heart and vision-

i. **2 Timothy 2:2** And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2. You can ask God for a heart, You can ask God for the vision, You can become a harvest disciple...

a. A worker in the field gathering the ready fruit!