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| SERIES | All Hands On Deck: Evangelism |
| BIBLE | Luke 10:1-24 |
| TITLE | Harvest Hands |
| OVERVIEW | After walking with Jesus for some time, His disciples are sent out on their own. He gives them specific instructions: Go ahead of me (Jesus), to the places where I want to go, and share the good news. Find people of peace. Rebuke the ones who are already set against me. WHY? Because the harvest is plentiful. People are ready for me. They just need you to talk to them about me, and share God with them. |
| SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN | <p>People Want to Hear about Jesus (Lk. 10:1-15) Jesus gives very detailed instructions on how to go into these specific towns in this specific cultural moment. While not all of the details are cut and paste to our specific time and place, the overarching theme is still the same: people are ready... will you go? Jesus seems to be more concerned with whether or not we will share than whether or not people will listen. He knows there are many that will follow if they are asked. In our cultural moment today, we need to change the narrative that "people don't want to talk about Jesus". The truth is people would love to talk about Jesus... they just don't want to talk about religion. Many times we engage people with the wrong things and answer the questions they are not asking. But what if we got back to the reality and heart of who Jesus is and shared that?</p> <p>Share JESUS... not you (Lk. 10:16) Jesus gives very specific instructions to His disciples, and at the very end, says: "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me." What is Jesus pointing to? That everything we do should ultimately point to Him. We don't go out and share about ourselves. We don't take pride in how and where we share. It has nothing to do with us. And when we truly live in that, the pressure comes off our shoulders as well as the fear. It's not about us... it's about each person and their own relationship with Jesus. God just invites us to be a part of that process. To help facilitate and then get out of the way.</p> <p>The Kingdom of God on Earth (Lk. 10:17-24) The ending of this story is that the disciples saw spiritual victories. People submitted to God. Demons flee. Everything that Jesus called them to was fulfilled. And what does Jesus say? That's amazing... but even more amazing is that YOU have been redeemed and have eternal life. The Kingdom of God is a small thing that is birthed in each of us and then flows out into the world for the life of the world. And we must never forget that DOING the work for God is never our identity... it's that we are redeemed children ourselves... bringing the same good news that we have received—to others.</p> |
| GOSPEL | <p>Matthew 5:13-16 – Let your light shine outwards.</p> <p>Matthew 13:31-32 – The Kingdom of God is like a small seed...</p> |
| NEXTSTEPS | Challenge everyone to go out into the streets where they live and prayer walk. And as they walk and pray, listen for God's guidance if they should talk with someone. |