

The Harvest is Plentiful Response Guide

Luke 10:1-12

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Big Idea: You must participate in God's harvest.

- Read Luke 10:1-12
- Jesus told His followers that the harvest was plentiful but the laborers were few. What did He mean by “harvest”? Who were the laborers?
- When you think about the problems facing Christians and the church, do you tend to think that there are so many people who could come into the Kingdom of God, but we don't have enough people to tell them, or that there aren't many who will come into the Kingdom? Why?
- Do you believe that Jesus' words are true today, even as they were in first century Israel? Is the harvest still plentiful? Do we still need laborers?
- Read Revelation 7:9-10. What does it tell you about the nature of the harvest?
- Jesus, the Lord of the Harvest, calls and commissions all of His followers to bring in the harvest. Here are four lessons for harvesters that we learn from Luke 10:1-12.

1. You can pray for laborers (Luke 10:2).

- What is a laborer in the harvest?
- How can you pray for laborers?
- When you pray for laborers, how do you suppose Jesus will answer that prayer? Does Jesus call us as part of the answer to that prayer?
- Are you praying for God to send out laborers? Are you doing it with a heart ready to respond when He calls you? How is He calling you to respond right now? Who is He calling you to reach?

2. You can trust God to take care of you (Luke 10:3-9).

- Jesus sends us out as sheep among wolves? How does that make you feel? What do you think He means by that?
- The list of things Jesus told His followers not to take is not a literal packing list for missionaries. Rather, it's an indication of the type of mission on which Jesus sends us and a push to trust God's provision.
- In what ways do you need to trust God's provision so that you can confidently participate in the harvest? Do you need to generously give to send others? Could Jesus' words apply not only to material provision, but also to reputation, emotional provision, and spiritual provision? How?
- Are you working where God has placed you, rather than waiting for the ideal circumstances?

3. You can leave the results to God (Luke 10:5-9).

- It's not our responsibility to determine who is open or worthy of the gospel and who isn't.
- You are not the Lord of the Harvest, so the results of the harvest are not up to you.
- Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-9. How do these verses relate to what Jesus said in Luke 10:5-9?
- Does knowing that Jesus is the Lord of the Harvest and that God is the one who causes growth give you reassurance? Why?
- How can you participate in the harvest with passion and urgency, but leave the results to God?

4. You can warn people (Luke 10:10-12).

- Do you think it's hard to warn people about judgment? Why?
- In Jesus' instructions to His followers, were they supposed to begin with the warning of judgment or an offer of peace? Why do you suppose that was the case? Does that order still apply today?
- Why do you think it is important to warn people about the consequences of rejecting Jesus?

Conclusion

- Over the next several weeks, we will emphasize personal evangelism and participation in the harvest. Pray that God will open your eyes to see that the harvest is plentiful and that He will show you how you should be participating. Ask Him to fill you with a spirit of urgency and courage.
- Think of two or three people you know who don't know Jesus. Pray for them this week and then, personally invite them to next week's online service with evangelist Greg Hubbard.