

MONDAY 4.15.24 - Luke 10:1-2

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. **2**He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

"The Harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few". Jesus saw a world that desperately needed to realize that He was the answer to their problems. If Jesus was here among us today, I think He would make the same observation. As a follower of Christ, we should see the world through Christ's eyes. As you look out at the world around you, do you see people hurting and in need of what Christ has to offer. At that time Jesus sent them out to tell their world about Him. He is sending you out to tell the world about Him today. The great commission that Christ gave to us in Matthew 28:19-20 has two parts. First, we are to help them become disciples by sharing the Gospel with them. Secondly, we are to help them grow in Christ by teaching them what Christ has taught us. There is no question that Jesus is sending you out. The real question is, are you willing to go?

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 4.16.24 - Acts 1:8

For forty days after the resurrection Jesus has been with his disciples and now it is time for their final instructions before he ascends to Heaven. He must leave them, so that the Holy Spirit can come to give them the power to be his witnesses. They will receive the power to speak the inspired Word of God and perform miracles. They are also given the mission of spreading the gospel from Jerusalem throughout the entire world.

But what about us? As believers, our mission is the same. In fact, in John 14:12, Christ tells us, we can do more than he has done? His ministry lasted only three years and covered a small geographical area. His disciples had not reached 'the ends of

the earth.' Evangelists today can preach for decades and reach millions of people throughout the world. But the real question in all of this, is; "Who are you trying to reach with the Good News?"

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 4.17.24 - John 4:43-54

The Gospel of John records eight signs that Jesus performed to promote faith in Him (John 20:30-31). The second sign is the healing of the nobleman's son. The sign displays the astonishing power of Jesus' word to accomplish its purpose totally unaided by any additional means.

Vance Havner used to tell the story about an elderly lady who had many troubles both real and imaginary. Finally, her family told her in a kindly way, "Grandma, we've done all we can do for you. You'll have to trust God for the rest." A look of utter despair spread over her face as she replied, "Oh dear, has it come to that?" Havner commented, "It always comes to that, so we might as well begin with that." You might as well begin with faith-trust in the Lord to accomplish His work in the challenging situation in your life today.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 4.18.24 - Proverbs 1:1-5

"let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance."

The Book of Proverbs was a compilation of material over a long period of time. Most of the book is credited to Solomon, but some sections are attributed to "wise men," Agur, and Lemuel. The purpose of Proverbs is to provide God's people

with the wisdom they need to live life successfully. So, the book instructs the believer on how to live a godly life to honor the Lord.

A good question to ask ourselves is whether we are just gathering information or gaining greater insight and ability to make godly choices in life. If we continually hear what God is saying to us in His Word, in the circumstances of life, and through the godly counsel of others, we will increase in our ability to be discerning and to navigate the events of life to please the Lord.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

FRIDAY 4.19.24. - Psalm 1

For generations parents have taught their children that they should be a friend to have a friend, early to bed and early to rise ...wise, birds of a feather, one bad apple, and other such idioms. They share truths about making life worthwhile. This verse says the same thing, especially about our spiritual life. It is best not to spend too much time with those whose talk and walk is unworthy of good behavior, as it too easily rubs off. Contrariwise, we do better following mama's advice.

Even more, regarding physical exercise we admit 'no pain no gain.' Therefore, many of us put in the time and energy to draw the best from our bodies. So, too, our spirits. Time in the Word and in prayer, meditation and reviewing the miracles of the Lord to us is a must. When all else fails, we shall be found standing, if we obey this psalm.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

E2 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 9:40am

- Kids** CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
NURSERY (through Age 3) *9:40AM ONLY
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- Youth** E2 CLASS (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** **SPRING QUARTER** - March 3rd - May 26th
LOCATION: B8-10 with Dave Decamp
Explore the Bible - *Genesis 20-50*.
LOCATION: B11 with Lane Kemler
Bible Studies for Life - "It's All About Jesus"
Beginning April 14th "Being an Authentic Church"
LOCATION: B1-2 with Joel Day - Beginning April 14
"When Your Way Isn't Working" by Kyle Idleman

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

- Kids** MESSIAH KIDS (Kindergarten – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
5th–8th Grade meet downstairs.
9th–12th Grade meet upstairs.
- Adults** Dive Deep with Doug
LOCATION: Worship Center

E2 SPRING SMALL GROUPS

- Women's** THURSDAY MORNING STUDY - Began March 14th.
A study on Isaiah by Melissa Spoelstra
with Brenda Ross - at 9:00am in B8-10.
- Women's** THURSDAY EVENING STUDY - Began March 14th
6:30pm at Kulp UMC, Exodus 19–40 with Elizabeth Williams.
- Men's Bible Study** - Begins April 16th at 6:30pm in the YAC.
Wild at Heart by John Eldredge with Vince DiLoretto

EVENING GROUP STUDY

- Wednesday Study** - Began April 3rd - at 6:30pm in B8-10.
Body of Proof by Jeremiah Johnston - with Barry Wills
- Wednesday Study** - Begins May 1st - at 6:30pm in B8-10.
"Contagious Faith" by Mark Mittelberg - with Barry Wills
Learn to share the Good News of Jesus effectively.

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THESE GROUPS OR CLASSES, USE THE CONNECT CARD IN THE BULLETIN. THANK YOU

John 4:27-38 **Help Wanted**

Jesus meets a woman at a well in Samaria. He speaks to her about the free gift of eternal life, and she trusts in Jesus as Messiah. Others from the town hear the message of good news and believe as well. However, the disciples of Jesus aren't involved in this spiritual harvest. Why didn't they reap?

1. P _____ (vv 27-30)

• R _____

• C _____

2. P _____ (vv 31-32)


3. P _____ (vv 33-35)

4. P _____ (vv 36-38)

Application

- Invite people to come to Shiloh
- Join in an outreach event
- Share your story

"I sent you to reap" ~ Jesus

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



April 15th - April 19th

INTRODUCTION:

Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip (E2) every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and small groups (E2 Communities). This devotional is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion.

OVERVIEW:

Monday's and Tuesday's readings will be a follow up on Sunday's message, "Help Wanted" with Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on April 21st, "Distance Makes No Difference" with Pastor Doug Lyon.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
John 20:31