

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a field of golden wheat. The wheat stalks are in the foreground, filling the lower two-thirds of the frame. In the background, more wheat fields stretch towards a clear, pale blue sky. The overall tone is warm and bright, suggesting a sunny day.

Joining Christ in Mission

A Vision of the Harvest

Matthew 9:35-38

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³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Jesus Work – Changing Lives

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Jesus sends out the 12 to do the same...

Jesus Has Compassion for the People

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Compassion – “to be stirred up with feeling;
He sees their condition and is moved with compassion.

What is your attitude toward those who don't have a relationship with Christ?

Things to Remember...

- People are never a “project.”
- We all have the same need for Christ.

“Evangelism is one beggar showing another beggar where to find bread.” – Samuel Shoemaker

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Video: An Unspoken Plea

Are you ready to show God's love and unconditional acceptance to those seeking?

Jesus Calls for Workers

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Jesus calls us to pray.
Then he sends us out.