

Eyes to See the Harvest

Overview

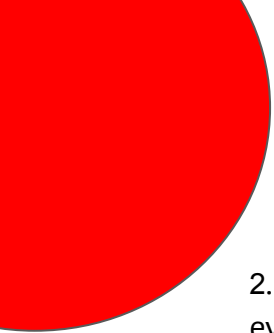
Jesus came not just to make disciples, but to make disciple-makers (Matthew 4:19 and Matthew 28:19). Jesus gave these vital instructions to His followers—they needed to open their eyes to see the ripe harvest—after His conversation with the woman at the well (John 4:1-31). What Jesus taught in that moment may have been His first lesson on disciple-making.

The following is a reflective prayer about the lesson that Jesus gave to His followers and a call to follow His example for making disciples. Feel free to modify these prayer points to make it your own prayer as you are led by the Holy Spirit.

Praying the Scripture

1. But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” John 4:32
“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.” John 4:34

- **Father, teach us to follow Jesus' example of doing Your will. Show us the needs of our neighbors and direct us how to demonstrate Your love to them.**
- **Help us to enjoy the “food” (satisfaction) that comes from finishing Your work. Strengthen and equip us to make disciples who go on to make other disciples.**



2. “Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.” John 4:35

- **Open our eyes, Lord, so we can see Your harvest fields filled with those who You are calling to Yourself. We ask and implore You to draw more workers to join us in Your fields. We pray against a spirit of discouragement that comes from our blindness and inability to see how You are working around us.**

3. “Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.” John 4:36-38

- **We pray that the seeds that we cast will produce a large harvest. We pray for others to plant seeds in the field that You are calling us to. Work in people's hearts to draw them to Yourself.**
- **Show us where You are working so we may join in and harvest the crop, bringing them to eternal life. Show us how we should work in this field to harvest a crop for eternal life. Lead us and strengthen us to go and to do the work You have called us to.**
- **Thank You for blessing us with benefits as we work in Your fields. We ask that You give us perseverance so that we can enjoy the rewards that You desire for Your servants.**