

Thy Kingdom Come: Kingdom Harvest

Reflect

1. What gets you out of your seat? Sporting events? Someone with honor?
2. Have you ever trained for something? What was it and how did it go?
3. What has been your favorite job?

Read Your Bible

- 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- Matthew 9:35-38

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. “²⁶Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly.” Have you ever felt as though you were running aimlessly? Why? Where?
2. One of God's greatest gifts to us is giving us meaning and purpose. If someone were to ask you what your purpose is what would your answer be?
3. In the Corinthians text, Paul compares physical training to spiritual training; he speaks about two benefits of being spiritually disciplined, what are they?
4. The Gospel text says, “³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” Where do we see this in our world? How has the Church, the body of Christ responded? How have you responded?
5. Why are there few workers? Is that still true today?
6. We have been called and sent into the harvest fields, where is your field?

Conclusion

God has a plan for us! Not only is God's plan specific for each of us but it is very broad and all encompassing. God's big plan is to make sure that His Good News of forgiveness, of salvation, of desiring a relationship with all of us, is proclaimed throughout the world. God does desire for us to live a joy-filled, abundant life. But we are not only to focus on ourselves and our own joy but also to focus on others. We will find the most joy and abundance when we sign up to be on God's workforce. To be filled with compassion for those who are harassed by life and helpless, that don't know where they are going or what they are following. Will you get up and go to the fields for God's kingdom? It is at times heartbreaking work, but there is no greater work that we could do.

Pray

Heavenly Father, You have called and gathered each of us. Help us to be disciplined, focused and willing to go and proclaim Your Good News to the world around us. Give the skills we will need and the energy that it will take. Give us a heart like Yours that is filled with compassion for those who wander helplessly. May we extend to them Your grace and point them to You. In Jesus' Name. Amen!