

“Celebrate the Harvest!”

Matthew 9:35-38

October 17, 2010

I. Pre-harvest Conditions (v. 36)

A. **Harassment** (Luke 11:42-46)

B. **Helpless** (Jeremiah 23:1-2)

II. Harvest Commitment (v. 37)

A. Harvest time is a time of great **opportunity**.
(2 Corinthians 6:1-2)

B. Harvest time is a time of great **effort**.
(1 Corinthians 15:58)

C. Harvest time is a time of great **joy**.
(Deuteronomy 16:13-15, Acts 15:3, Luke 15:3-10)

III. Who Participates? (v. 38)

A. Harvesting involves church **leaders**.
(Matthew 10:7-8)

B. Harvesting involves every **believer**
(including **you**). (Matthew 28:18-20)

IV. Harvest of Hope! (v. 35)

Acts 1:8—“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 4:29-31—“Now, Lord consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”

Personal Life Saving Station Schedule:

1. Set a **Goal**.

2. Get a **Plan**.

How:

- ◆ Create a “Top 10 Most Wanted List.”
- ◆ Demonstrate the transforming love of Christ.
- ◆ Invite people to church.
- ◆ Share your story.
- ◆ Share the gospel.

3. Let’s Get **Busy**.