

PCF-LA MIDWEEK PRAYER MEETING
TEACHING NOTES

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JOEL : A CLARION CALL FOR HARVESTERS

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It is a clarion call for harvesters

For men and women who will go forth into the worlds great harvest fields and do all the important work of reaping.

One of the problems in Christian work today is the problem of manpower,

not the problem of supply,

but urgent need for workers

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In these words

the needs is stressed,

the need for reapers

for harvesters, for men and women who will go out with the sickle and gather in a harvest of precious souls into His kingdom .

What do we know of this harvest

The harvest is ripe

“THE HARVEST IS RIPE”

a) First , it is unrecognized except by the eye of faith.

“ Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest” John 4:35

- In order to see the harvest we not only have to lift OUR EYES , but we must look
- There must be the exercise of faith,
- There must be a gift of spiritual discernment

“THE HARVEST IS RIPE”

The natural man looks upon a great crowd of human souls and sees-what?

Just a great crowd.

But the spiritual man, the Christian, the Lord’s harvester, looks upon the same crowd and with the eye of faith he sees a multitude of precious souls for whom the Savior shed His blood.

He sees golden grain waiting to be gathered for eternity, but he only sees this with the eye of faith.

Do we view men and women around us in this way ?

“THE HARVEST IS RIPE”

b) **This spiritual harvest is a plenteous one**

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Matthew 9:36 “But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.”

It was the sight of” ***the multitudes***” *that moved him with compassion* and in John 4:35 He spoke of the “fields”. O, how vast is the great need in the world’s harvest fields today !. How few are really touched by the Gospel in our large cities and towns! How few are really getting an opportunity of knowing the Savior for themselves.

“THE HARVEST IS RIPE”

c) **It is very valuable harvest.**

Every harvest is valuable, but what can compare with the harvest of souls?

Think of the value of one precious soul,

Mark 8:36

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

“THE HARVEST IS RIPE”

And yet there are millions of souls for whom Christ died who are ----
lost

Luke 19:10

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Perishing

Luke 9:10 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish**, but that all should come to repentance.

“THE HARVEST IS RIPE”

Facing doom

1 Peter 4:17 For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it first begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?

How we need to feel the desperate plight of these souls who are without God and without hope in the world!

Ephesians 2:12

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

“THE HARVEST IS RIPE”

d) The harvest is in danger.

The fact that the harvest is ripe implies that there is danger-that is, if the harvest is not reaped soon, it will be lost.

The need therefore is urgent because the frosts of Divine wrath will come, and the fulfillment of God’s purposes of judgment for the world will soon be brought about.

Do not say “There’s plenty of time!”

Do not say “There are four months yet. There is no time to be lost .

“THE HARVEST IS RIPE”

Souls around us are in danger; besides, they may die if we do not get to them quickly.

John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

“THE HARVEST IS RIPE”

e) *The harvest is ready and waiting to be gathered .*

The fact that it is ripe indicates this. This is the one thing about which we can be absolutely certain; there are thousands of men and women around us who are just ready to be told the way of salvation , ready to be told the way of satisfaction, ready to be pointed to the Savior. “ ***The harvest is ripe***” and therefore it is ready to be gathered.

These things are all true about the harvest. The Lord of the Harvest is calling upon us all to “put in the sickle” and to gather in the harvest. He produces the harvest, but we must gather it.

“PUT YE IN THE SICKLE”

What is the sickle that we must use if we would be effective harvesters, and if we would do our utmost by the grace of God to gather precious souls into the Lord’s storehouse?

a) There is the sickle of Preaching

I Corinthians 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of **preaching** to save them that believe.

“PUT YE IN THE SICKLE”

This is the method that God has ordained and honored and blessed all through the years.

This is the method of preaching – the message of salvation.

What a powerful sickle this is when used by a spirit filled worker!

Peter use this sickle on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:41)

Everyone of us can use this sickle –we can all preach – tell others about Jesus

Acts 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.”

“PUT YE IN THE SICKLE”

b) *There is the sickle of Prayer*

God is calling all of us to put in the sickle of prayer –to pray for the salvation of souls

Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and **prayer to God** for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Matthew 9:38 **Pray ye** therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

“PUT YE IN THE SICKLE”

There are some souls who can only be won by prayer.

There is a certain kind of situation that can only be met when God's people pray

Matthew 17:21

Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

And the wonderful thing is that prayer is not limited by time or space. The sickle of prayer can be “put in” Los Angeles and a harvest can be seen in Thailand and Philippines or India or anywhere.

“PUT YE IN THE SICKLE”

c) *There is the sickle of Persuasion*

2 Corinthians 5:11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

This surely refers to the gentle art of personal soul-winning, and the greatest example of this (apart from that our Lord Jesus) was the Apostle Paul.

“PUT YE IN THE SICKLE”

Acts 18:4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath and **persuaded** the Jews and the Greeks.”

Acts 26:28

Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou **persuadest** me to be a Christian.

Acts 28:23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into *his* lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, **persuading them concerning Jesus**, both out of the law of Moses, and *out of* the prophets, from morning till evening.

Conclusion

This is Joel's clarion call for harvesters- for Christian's –who recognize that there are ten of thousands of lost soul waiting to be saved,

Are ready to go forth and lead them into God's heavenly kingdom.

What are you going to do with the pronoun “**ye**”

What are **you** prepared to do about it?